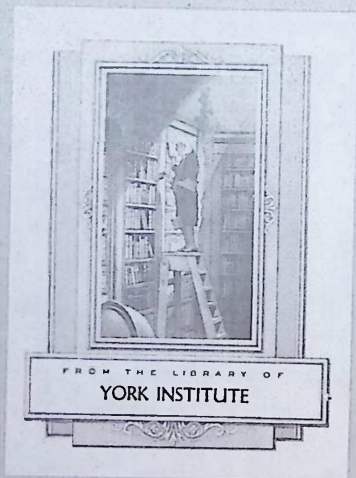


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Gertrude B. Lane Has Built Her Career On Interest In People

Editor Woman's Home Companion

By Priscilla M. Pennell

Editor in Chief of the Woman's Home Companion and Vice President of the Crowell - Collier Publishing Company — these positions with a salary of \$45,000 a year are held by a former Maine woman, Miss Gertrude Battles Lane of Saco. Her many duties keep Miss Lane's time well filled, but she graciously consented to an interview for the Portland Sunday Telegram. She turned from a desk piled with work to talk of her girlhood in Maine and relate something of her interesting career.

Had Talent For Music

From the time she was a very little girl, Gertrude Lane had a deep love and feeling for music and showed promise of someday becoming a great singer. She sang in the Saco City Hall and took chorus and feature parts in Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Her father, the organist of the Unitarian Church, was very proud of her talent and shared her ambitions, but their hopes were dashed when fate, in the form of scarlet fever, took away the little girl's voice at the tender age of eight.

"Saco was a very nice place to grow up in," said Miss Lane. I went to school there and graduated from Thornton Academy. I was about 17 when I began to be possessed with a burning ambition to work on a magazine, although I didn't know anything about the work and had no training for it, and my father couldn't send me to college.

"I did take a stenographic course but I wasn't content with office routine for dreams of magazine work still went round in my head. On the advice of a sympathetic friend in Boston, I registered with a newspaper exchange and when I heard that there was a vacancy on the Woman's Home Companion, I spent my last \$10 to come to New York and apply for the position, which was that of household editor."

Household Editor

On her way to New York the young woman did some deep thinking. Her desire was not for personal acclaim, but to do the best job she could possibly do. Realizing that she was not domestic herself, she decided to make up for her lack by taking a keen interest in other women's problems. This attitude enabled her to formulate ideas which so impressed the editor that he gave her the job with a salary of \$20 a week. The new household editor lost no time in hiring the best experts available to take charge of the various departments of homemaking and cookery.

Gertrude Lane never in her life has asked for a raise, but as she proved her worth and ability, she was advanced from time to time and in 1912 was made editor-in-chief of the magazine, a position she has held ever since.

Meanwhile the World War broke out, and in June 1917 she was invited to join the National Food Ad-



Miss Gertrude Battles Lane

ministration under Herbert Hoover, for which she volunteered her services. She kept her position as editor but spent most of the week in Washington, where she took charge of publicity and gradually became the link between the food administration and the women of America.

She had several home economists who worked out new recipes using substitutes for the staples which must be conserved, and a staff of writers who brought them to the attention of the public through their contacts with newspapers and home economists in each state.

Aided Hoover

Hoover was very much aided by Miss Lane's efficient management and very much impressed by the eager cooperation of the American women. He had just come from England and he remarked that in America we did not need to put the people on rations, for once they were acquainted with a necessity they took great pride in calling upon themselves to meet it. When Herbert Hoover became President, his former co-worker was often invited to the White House.

Besides successfully editing one magazine, Miss Lane assisted Sumner Blossom for several years as managing director of the American Magazine.

Nineteen hundred and twenty-nine brought two great honors to the woman from Saco. She was made one of the vice presidents of the Crowell Publishing Company and the only woman to hold such an executive office, and she was given the honorary degree of LHD by Colby College. Of the latter she says:

"Since I had had to forgo a college education, putting on a cap and gown and receiving that honor at a college ceremony was one of the greatest thrills of my life."

About four years ago, Miss Lane laid a friend's idea before the president of the Crowell Publishing Company, and its acceptance brought about what is called the Reader-Editor plan. Scattered over the United States are 2,000 women selected by a field editor and other members of the Companion staff as representative of their communities.

Every month each of these Reader-Editors fills out a questionnaire on all such household, budget, child, recreation, fashion, beauty and other problems as may be confronting her and her friends. From these answers the editors can form a fair estimate of the general problems of their 3,500,000 readers and know what subjects will interest them and what articles they will find most helpful.

Reader-Editors

The Reader-Editors work without pay but they receive many special bulletins and pamphlets from the magazine, and each month a Reader-Editor who has been consistent in sending in valuable information and suggestions is selected to come to New York at the expense of the magazine and work with the staff for a week or 10 days.

The Woman's Home Companion has a wonderfully equipped Home Service Center right in the building. Here new products and receipts are tried out, and new ways to use standard foods and products are evolved. New models of gas and electric kitchen and laundry equipment are accurately tested. Every practical article in the magazine is guaranteed

because it is first tested in the Center.

Being editor-in-chief of a national magazine and vice president of the company keeps Miss Lane busy, attending directors' meetings, reading and dictating letters, interviewing authors and reading manuscripts. Although she has a staff of readers and secretaries who handle the bulk of the material sent in, it is the executive herself who makes the final selections for each issue of the magazine. She even scans the advertising, for it must conform to a certain standard as well as the reading matter. Her editorial policy is to provide a wide variety of helpful articles and clean, interesting fiction (with an escape angle) that will appeal to the tremendous cross section of the American people.

Constructive Work

"I never lose sight of the fact that the circulation figures represent individual human beings," she says earnestly. "My work is constructive rather than creative, and it requires a love of humanity and an intense interest in people."

Miss Lane belongs to several well known clubs including the Maine Society of New York at whose last annual dinner she was a speaker. She is also a member of the Women's National Republican Club and for the past two years has been chairman of the Evening School of Politics of that organization, selecting speakers and presiding at meetings.

The editor-in-chief spoke modestly of her achievements but enthusiastically of her friends. She is proud of the fact that no editor has a large number of personal friends among authors than she—friends whose names are known from coast to coast, Margaret Deland, Dorothy Canfield, Sophie Kerr, Edna Ferber, Pearl Buck and many others. Kathleen Norris, who is a croquet fan, loves to visit Miss Lane's home in Connecticut where she has a croquet ground and a tennis court as well as beautiful gardens.

Miss Lane loves traveling by land or sea and plans to drive her own car on a trip through Maine this summer. But she says that music is still her greatest relaxation. She enjoys attending symphony concerts and listening to the works of the masters on her phonograph. Wagner is one of her favorites and she enjoys such moderns as Debussy and Ravel but in general she prefers the old classics. At 17 Gertrude Lane had thought it would be thrilling to work on a magazine. Today, in the midst of a rich and delightful life, she says she can't imagine a more interesting career.

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THOMAS H. HOOPER.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1941.

Gertrude B. Lane, Saco Native, Dead

Gertrude Battles Lane, a vice-president of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company, one-time editor-in-chief of *The Woman's Home Companion* and a pioneer campaigner for better health measures for women and children, died at her Park avenue home in New York today after a year's illness, *The Associated Press* reported.

She was a native of Saco and was educated at Thornton academy there. Miss Lane became household editor of the *Woman's Home Companion* in 1903 and nine years later was named editor-in-chief.

Through her *Better Babies Bureau*, American women were acquainted with current medical information for the protection of the health of mother and children.

During her editorship, the circulation of the magazine grew from 727,764 to more than 3,500,000. She was made a director of the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company and in 1929 was elected a vice-president. She was active until about a year ago. Miss Lane was awarded an honorary degree by Colby college in 1929.

During the last war, Miss



Miss Gertrude Battles Lane

Lane divided her time between her editorial duties and serving as a member of Herbert Hoover's food administration. She was a member, later, of President Hoover's White House conference on child health and protection and a member of the planning committee of the White House conference on home building and home ownership.

Miss Lane leaves a sister, Mrs. Harry D. Cabot, Newtonville, Mass., and three brothers, Walter E. Lane, Spencer, Mass.; Albert Lane, Ramsey, N. J., and Frank Lane, Los Angeles.

She was a member of the Cosmopolitan, the Town Hall, the Pen and Brush, the women's national Republican club and the American Woman's association. Funeral services will be held Saturday at the Unitarian

church in New York city.

Saco, Sept. 25.—(AP)—Gertrude Battles Lane spent her last \$10 to get to New York to apply for a position as household editor with the *Women's Home Companion*.

The Saco woman, who at 17 had a "burning ambition" to work on a magazine, was in Boston at the time. She got the job, at \$20 a week, and promptly hired a staff of the best available experts to handle the homemaking departments.

Later, as editor-in-chief of the magazine, with a yearly salary of \$45,000, Miss Lane recalled that she never had asked for a raise.

Her father, a Saco organist, had hoped she would be a great singer, but Miss Lane's voice was ruined by scarlet fever when she was eight.

Two events, coming in 1929, she regarded as outstanding in her life. One was election to a vice presidency in the Crowell Publishing company. The other was receipt of an honorary LL.D degree from Colby college.

"Since I had to forego a college education, putting on a cap and gown and receiving that honor at a college ceremony was one of the greatest thrills of my life," she said.

Speaking of her editorship, Miss Lane once said:

"I never lose sight of the fact that the circulation figures represent individual human beings. My work is constructive rather than creative and it requires a love of humanity and an intense interest in people."

During the World war she was invited to join the National Food Administration under Herbert Hoover and eventually became a link between the administration and American women.

Miss Lane retained fond memories of her girlhood home.

"Saco was a very nice place to grow up in," she said. Her formal education took her through Thornton Academy there.

JANUARY 20, 1941.

Charles S. Ham Died Sunday

Prominent in Masonic Circles

Charles S. Ham, prominent in Masonic circles and one of the best known residents of this city, died last night at a local hospital, where he had been a patient since September.

October 29, 1941

Pottery Student At Work



By Staff Photographer

Mrs. Philip E. Graves of Saco (left), one of the members of the special pottery making class conducted Monday and Thursday evenings at the Linwood Potteries on the Saco-Portland highway under the direction of Lin Phelan (right). Members of the class will learn fundamentals of the potter's art.

Mr. Ham was born in Buxton, November 16, 1859, son of John and Anna Ham.

He came to this city when ten years old, following the death of his father, and had lived here since that time.

Mr. Ham attended the public schools here and afterwards learned the plumber's trade. He went into the plumbing business with the late Waldo B. Anthoine, later conducting the business alone. He discontinued the business about 35 years ago and for many years after he was employed as a foreman of the street crew of the Biddeford & Saco Water Co. For the past 10 years he had been in charge of Masonic quarters in this city.

He was well known through York county, both among Masons and citizens generally. He was a Master Mason for more than 50 years and was connected with all local bodies, Dunlap lodge, A. F. and A. M., York chapter, R. A. M., Maine Council, R. & S. M., and Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar. For years Mr. Ham took a keen interest in Masonic activities.

For years Mr. Ham was prominent in local and county politics, as a member of the Republican party.

Always of cheerful and genial disposition, Mr. Ham had a host of friends in the city and vicinity.

He was a member of the Second Congregational church in this city.

His wife, the late Martha J. Ham, to whom he had been married over 50 years, died last March. They resided on Main street, above the Western Division crossing of the Boston and Maine Railroad.

Nearest surviving relatives are Dr. William A. Ham and Mrs. Gladys L. Doan, a nephew and niece, of Boston, Mass., and John C. Dutton of Hookset, N. H., a nephew.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

FEBRUARY 14, 1941.

Mrs. W. A. Worthing Saco Resident, Died Today

Mrs. Emma S. Worthing, widow of William A. Worthing, for many years general superintendent of the Biddeford and Saco Street Railroad company, a widely-known and highly respected life-long Saco resident, died at her home on lower Beach street, Saco, this morning, following a long illness. Her age was 73 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Mrs. Worthing was born in Saco, the daughter of Moses and Margaret Boucher Fletcher. She was educated in the Saco schools. She was a woman who was greatly devoted to her home and family. During her younger life she was a prominent member and worker of the Fred S. Gurney Women's Relief corps and served in many of the principal offices of that organization. She had been in failing health for a long period and on different occasions had been a patient at local hospitals for treatment. She had been confined to her home the larger part of the time of late but occasionally had been able to enjoy short automobile rides.

She is survived by three sons, M. Guy Worthing of Seattle, Wash.; William E. Worthing, Old Orchard Beach, and Dinsmore Worthing of Boston; a sister, Mrs. Florence Hankins, Oklahoma City, Okla., and several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JAMES H. FENDERSON IN JEWELRY BUSINESS HERE A HALF CENTURY

Local Men Join in Banquet Programme Thursday Night in Honor of Man Active 50 Years as Main Street Merchant—City Officials and Business and Professional Leaders Offer Congratulations

Half a century is a long time for a Biddeford or any other merchant to be actively engaged in business with no thought of immediately approaching the retirement goal, but such is the experience of James H. Fenderson, jeweler on Main street, who is today looking back through a vista of 50 years of a busy mercantile life, 50 years of business changes on the street, an almost complete change of the personnel in control of the city's commercial destinies and a marked advance in territory of the business section, adoption of new methods in conducting business and in a great many instances the substitution of brick for wooden buildings, and the general alteration of the appearance of the street occasioned by displacement of the little store by the large one of progress and advancement.

And today Mr. Fenderson stands alone as an active merchant who has been on the street for half a century, a Biddeford record without a parallel so far as the Journal has been able to learn. At any rate a record that has not been equalled in recent years.

In recognition of this Biddeford and Saco merchants, professional men and others to the number of 100 paid tribute to Mr. Fenderson at a dinner in his honor at Hotel Thacher. It was the only event of its exact nature ever to be held in this city. It was sponsored by the merchants bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, and in spirit and proceeding was one that gave emphatic acclaim to an anniversary such as this and must have been as heartening to and appreciated by the recipient of these friendly attentions as it was impressive.

In a talk with a Journal reporter Mr. Fenderson, always saluted as "Jim" by his familiars, Biddeford's lone 50-year celebrant, briefly went over his experiences as a merchant on his own and the changes that have taken place in various directions and ways during the last half century.

Mr. Fenderson is but a trifle over 72 years in age in spite of his long career as a merchant, having been born in Kennebunkport, Sept. 9, 1859. His parents, Alex Sewell and Jane Wakefield Fenderson, however, lived in Saco at the time, and it is in Saco that Jim has always made his home. He attended high school, although he did not complete the course, and in 1877, he started in to learn the jeweler's trade with R. K. Twambley of Saco, with whom he remained for four years. He went into business for himself in 1881 in Crystal Arcade in this city, where, and in the building adjoining, he has carried

on ever since, although being interested in other jewelry businesses at one time or another in Biddeford and Saco. His Arcade venture resulted from a purchase with Thomas H. Johnson, of the business of Charles I. Hill. The partnership was terminated after three years. The John Hill business in the Biddeford House block was acquired by purchase during the Fenderson & Johnson partnership. This business was retained for 10 years and then Mr. Fenderson located at 156 Main street, where he has since remained, the head of the firm of J. H. Fenderson & Son.

Other jewelry businesses owned by him in whole or in part at one time or another was that in Saco managed for 20 years by Elroy Mitchell under the firm name of Fenderson & Mitchell, and a store on Main street in this city, just west of the Savings Bank building, which was managed by Howard Fenderson, a cousin. Mr. Fenderson at one time also was owner of the first circulating library in Biddeford, this being carried on in connection with his jewelry business and managed by Miss Emily Cleaves. For a number of years also Mr. Fenderson managed the business of the American Express company in one of his stores.

In passing it may be mentioned that among Mr. Fenderson's other activities, he was mayor of Saco for three years, city treasurer for one year and for 35 years was, with his wife, a member of the choir of the First Parish church in Saco. He belongs to the various Masonic bodies, being a 32nd degree Mason, the Knights of Pythias and the Rotary club. He also used to ride a high wheel as a member of the old York County Wheelmen. He has three sons, Mrs. Fenderson having died a number of years ago. The sons are Charles K. Fenderson, Lloyd B. Fenderson and James A. Fenderson, the last named being a member of the firm of Fenderson & Son.

Biddeford's streets 50 years ago were unpaved, both those in the business and other sections, so that, except in winter, when the streets were blanketed with snow that was not cared for as is the case nowadays, people were much of the time battling against clouds of dust or wading through ankle-deep mud. There were few brick buildings in those days, most of the business structures being of wood with pitched roofs and many of them story-and-a-half affairs. The notable exceptions were the Biddeford House block and Exchange block, and when Marble block was built with its three stories and imposing white front, residents looked upon it as the

seventh wonder of the world. The sidewalks in the business section, what there were of them, were of wood and store awnings were of the same material. In its early days the Savings Bank building marked the limit of business blocks of brick on that side of Main street, looking west, and on the east side of the street, below Laconia street, there was nothing except a high wooden fence as far as the old covered bridge, half a century ago. Mr. Fenderson has watched the growth and development of the Pepperell plant in this direction. There were few stores on Alfred and Washington streets and no brick blocks and only tenement houses, and a few of these, on Franklin street. The entire business section has undergone a marked transformation in a varie-

ty of ways since Mr. Fenderson entered upon his business career. During the half century the personnel of Biddeford's mercantile life has undergone an almost complete change. While at one time practically only natives were engaged in business, today there are many nationalities represented on the street, and in a great many instances the small, cramped stores have given way to more

pretentious establishments, may department stores and others commanding large space and accommodations. The increase of the volume of business done has been commensurate with the growth and changes in the business section. It may be remarked, and it, perhaps, will surprise a great many, that in spite of the business expansion, the increase in population has been less than 5,000 in the 50 years. The population in 1881 was 12,652. Today, according to the census, it is 17,618. A half century ago were the days of the kerosene lamps and the various other inconveniences that hampered a successful conduct of business.

In reviewing the changes on the street and how prices of merchandise and commodities have been affected, Mr. Fenderson referred to the restaurant business. At one time the late Edward, familiarly known as "Hooky," Ricker conducted an eating house on Main street just below the present Fenderson jewelry store, where great numbers of business men were accustomed to get their lunches or dinners. Mr. Ricker was famous for the good food he set before his patrons. And his charges were exceedingly reasonable compared to

present day prices. For instance, he served a large beefsteak with French fried potatoes, another vegetable, bread and butter, a quarter of a large pie, as much coffee as one might desire and a bottle of beer for 25 cents. At the old Biddeford House a business man's dinner was served for 35 cents.

In enumerating the jewelers who have passed on during his 50 years in business, Mr. Fenderson named Charles Twambley, George E. Twambley, Rufus Twambley, L. B. Milliken, Charles Gerrish, Elroy Mitchell, all of Saco; Samuel G. Twambley, Freeman Pillsbury, Albert Cleaves, Charles I. Hill, John Hill, Louis Guertin, P. J. Dinan, P. A. Freeman, Harry Trumbley and Charles Cleaves, all of Biddeford.

Commercial travelers, or drummers, as they were then called, were frequent visitors to Biddeford in the old days, coming here every four or six weeks to take orders. Today there is not more than one making regular trips to the city as compared to 10 less than half a century ago. These

represented the jewelry trade and Mr. Fenderson knew them all by their first names. As an indication of the sweep in the ranks of drummers that death has made during the period of his mercantile life, he called off a list of 39 that used to come to Biddeford regularly and have passed on.

Banquet at Thacher.

The dinner was served on schedule time, 6.30 being the hour set and Secretary Redfern, who acted as shepherd of the mercantile flock and efficiency expert all in one, saw to it that the 78 members of the company who had gathered in the hotel vestibule began the march to the banquet hall according to clock. Awaiting the company at the farther end of the hall was James V. Neithercut, or Jimmie of blessed musical reputation with a wee bit of Scotch thrown in, the impresario of the occasion, "ghosting" for Frank Vennett, master of ceremonies extraordinary, who was unexpectedly and disappointingly called out of town. Jimmie, by the way, did a mighty good job. The diners entered singing in happy voices the evergreen "Hail, Hail," with Alfred H. Sellers at the piano and surrounded the tables, each of which bore a huge bouquet of blooms in the center.

Seated at the head table were: John J. Dunn, chairman of the merchants committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Cornelius Horigan, Judge Harry B. Ayer of the probate court, Edmund S. Nichols, the toastmaster, who recognizes a joke when he sees one and injects a spirit of solemnity without cracking a smile in telling a funny story. James H. Fenderson, the guest of honor; Mayor John D. Fernald of Saco and Secretary R. D. Redfern of the Chamber of Commerce.

At nearby tables, each seating four persons, were Lloyd B. Fenderson, vice president and treasurer of the Inman Trust company of Cambridge, Mass.; Albert E. Lynch of Cambridge, president of the Inman Trust; Henry J. Bruno, vice president of the Theo Leland Co. of Arlington, Mass.; I. Chipman Archibald, retired banker of Boston; Lawrence E. Mulloney, vice president of the Federal National bank of Boston; Robert J. Fawcett, wholesale coal dealer of Cambridge; Arthur G. McKenzie, automobile dealer of Cambridge; Clifford W. Pierce of Paine & Webber Co. of Boston, bond dealers.

From Portland were Fred Morrison, Philip K. Frye and Thomas H. Johnson, the last named at one time a partner with Mr. Fenderson in the jewelry business in this city.

The centerpiece at the head table was a large white frosted birthday cake topped with pink candles in massed formation, each candle denoting a year in the guest of honor's life. Hanging on the wall directly back of Mr. Fenderson was a large and handsome portrait of himself.

In one corner of the banquet hall, standing on a table, were grouped a number of floral tributes, including two enormous baskets of blooms. These were from Mrs. Inez Twambley, jeweler in Saco; A. Bloomburg, jeweler of Lynn, Mass.; Galgay, florist of Cambridge, Mass., the directors of the Inman Trust Co.

With the seating of the company Toastmaster Nichols took command and from that moment on

the formal "Mr." was dropped as a prefix and no one thought of referring to the guest of honor afterwards except as "Jim."

An excellent roast beef dinner was served, the service being all that could have been desired, and at intervals while the good food was being consumed there was community singing of such favorites as "Pack Up Your Troubles," "Sweet Adeline," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," "Jingle Bells" and "The Bells of St. Marys." It was noticed that above all the others the voices of Jim Fenderson and the three Fenderson boys rang out in the melodies.

By the time the end of the menu was reached the banquet hall was enveloped in a cloud of cigar and cigarette smoke, necessitating a hurried opening of windows and ventilators and peering through the disappearing gloom that looked like a dense fog bank at one time, Toastmaster Nichols delivered a short address of welcome under the head of "Random Thoughts." He said:

"Some people are born rich; some people acquire riches, and some others have riches thrust upon them. The same applies to honor, and at this particular time this honor came to me. I was at the Old Jed Prouty Inn in Bucksport, engaged in celebrating my wedding anniversary and was in a very happy frame of mind, when I received a telephone call from Redfern, requesting me to serve here tonight, which request I could not refuse. It cost me 78 cents. I have been in Biddeford 15 years and know intimately my good friend, Jim Fenderson. We are very proud of our Pepperell mills and their agent, Howard Whitehead; we are very proud of the big Diamond Match Co., internationally known, and represented here by our good friend, Cliff Cheney. We are proud of the work done for the York Mfg. Co., of the other important industries located here, and we are proud and glad to have with us tonight a number of friends from Boston, representing banking interests, as well as a group of friends from Portland. However, I am sure that all will agree that it is refreshing to find in such a group as this at least one man—Jim Fenderson—to do especial honor to."

At this the company leaped to its feet and cheered lustily.

Then the guests from Massachusetts were introduced individually by Lloyd B. Fenderson and each responded to the noisy glad hand given. Greetings to the Portland party were extended, after which Toastmaster Nichols introduced Mayor Horgan, who was given an enthusiastic reception, all standing.

The mayor declared it was a distinguished privilege accorded him to extend the greetings of the city and those of the people of Biddeford to a man to whom such a signal and unusual distinction had come at this time, and he offered his heartfelt felicitations to the Jim he had known for 50 years. He then went on to pay a handsome, eloquent tribute to the guest of honor, enumerating the many fine qualities he possesses, qualities that have placed him in the forefront of citizens of the two cities as recipients of the people's esteem and admiration. He briefly reviewed in a complimentary way his long acquaintances with the object of the evening's distinguished attentions, recalling instances where Mr. Fenderson, or Jim, had endeared himself to the people of the two cities. Mayor

Horgan spoke of the remarkable changes, advances and improvements and the stirring events, including the wars, through which the nation has passed and which the guest of honor has lived through and witnessed. He characterized this half century as the most wonderful age in the history of mankind. The mayor referred to Mr. Fenderson's delightful and happy family life, pausing to speak tenderly of the great sorrow that had come to him in the death of his wife, to whose memory he paid a beautiful tribute. In closing Mayor Horgan graphically pictured Main street as he knew it half a century ago and reviewed the many changes that had taken place since then. He was vociferously applauded as he resumed his seat.

Mayor John D. Fernald was next introduced, and again the company rose to its feet to give him a loudly cheering reception. Mayor Fernald, although brief, spoke with great depth of feeling and eloquently of the honored guest, his fine attributes and the service he has rendered in what-

ever direction his talents have called him, mercantile, social, family and as Saco's municipal head.

At this point Secretary Redfern gave Chamber of Commerce announcements and read congratulatory dispatches received from Rev. Chester B. Emerson, of Detroit, formerly of Saco, Bogle Bros. of White River Junction, Vt., M. G. Durgin of Livermore Falls, James P. Martin of Brunswick, Henry R. Arnold of Boston, Paul N. Friedman of Boston, D. C. Percival & Co. of Boston, Harry Parritz and Brother of Boston, Miss Madeline Foley of Portland and Mrs. Estelle Vennett, wife of Frank Vennett; and Frank Vennett from Boston.

Henri Dupre, jeweler, extended his congratulations to Jim, whom he styled the squarest shooting competitor he had ever known in the business and said he hoped for many more years of like competition.

The company sang "Smiles, that make us happy," and Judge Ayer was given loud acclaim upon being introduced. Judge Ayer, as soon as the applause had died out, read the following verses he had written for the occasion, under the title of "Sunny Jim," which were received with an outburst of appreciative applause:

Three rousing cheers for him,
Sunny Jim,
Drink a stout toast to him,
Make it as smooth as silk,
Just a toast of malted milk?
O, no, most certainly not,
Settle that on the spot,
You just better not forget
No milk toast for him yet,
Him—Sunny Jim.

To so courageous a heart
Fifty years is but a start,
He's the man to make good time,
Watch the works when he's in
prime,
Of all his gems quite worth while,
None so bright as his ready smile,
He'll be quite a boy yet,
You just better not forget
Him—Sunny Jim.

To a fellow so kind and jolly
Sadness is nothing less than folly
Always gay and ever witty,
He can make a loving ditty,
Or he can sing a solemn psalm
In tones to rock the very farm,
He'll be quite a lad yet,
You just better not forget

Him—Sunny Jim.

Judge Ayer supplemented his verses with an eloquent tribute to "Sunny Jim" and then presented on behalf of his friends an exceedingly handsome and expensive brown velvet-covered easy chair, the presentation calling for tumultuous cheering.

Mist came into Jim's eyes as he rose to respond and it was fully a minute before he recovered from his emotion and even then his voice was affected so that it was with difficulty that he made himself heard. "I'm astonished; I'm flabbergasted," he finally said in halting, low tones, "but I want to tell you, my friends, that I appreciate this evidence of your affection, appreciate it more than you can realize, and I can assure you that this chair will be one of my most prized possessions as long as I live." He then went on to recite his experiences in 50 years of business and the changes and improvements made in Biddeford's business section since his intimate acquaintance with it half a century ago. His remarks were much in line with what he had told the Journal reporter and which is printed above. He was cheered and cheered as he concluded. He took occasion during his remarks to extend his thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, Secretary Redfern, Frank Vennett and others who had made this occasion a memorable one in his life. His closing words were: "What a lamentable thing it is for a man to go through life without friends, and what a glorious thing it is for a man to go through life with friends galore that may always be depended upon for their sincerity."

Then Toastmaster Ed. Nichols turned the spotlight on himself again and exploded his disappointment because he had been neglected in the passing around of gifts and admitted that he was sore in that he had not received an automobile or something. "And this is my birthday as well as Jim Fenderson's. It ain't right." And he submitted sulkily.

At this C. M. Cheney of the Diamond Match, sprang into action and pranced across the hall, staggering under the burden of a four-foot vegetable creation, which he handed to Ed. to soothe his damaged feelings, which it did. It comprised a mammoth cabbage with beet decoration and below, in semblance of a human form, carrots and other garden truck with pink ribbon trimmings. Toastmaster Ed. was visibly and vocally overcome and his only response was an emotional "I'll be everlastingly gosh darned if I don't eat every bit of that cabbage."

It was then 8.30 o'clock and with the community singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and three cheers for the half-century celebrant, the testimonial to Jim was over.

JULY 26, 1941.

F. A. Goodwin Died Today

Had Been at a Portland Hospital

Frank A. Goodwin, a prominent and highly esteemed resident of Biddeford Pool for the past several years and employed as a landscape gardener by dif-

ferent prominent families in that section of the city, died at the Maine General hospital in Portland, where he had been receiving treatment for the past several days, following a recent serious operation. While he had been in failing health for some time, the news of his passing away will be learned with somewhat of a shock to his numerous acquaintances in Biddeford and Saco. His age was 60 years.

Mr. Goodwin was born in Goodwins Mills, the son of Albra and Harriet (Record) Goodwin. He had been a resident of Biddeford since he was 16 years of age and had made a large circle of friends here. He was employed for several years as a member of the sales staff at the McKenney & Heard hardware store on Main street before going to Biddeford Pool to engage in landscape gardening. He was known as an expert gardener and his services were largely sought by many

prominent out-of-state families having summered homes at the Pool.

Mr. Goodwin took a deep interest in local municipal affairs as a member of the Republican party but never held any political office. He possessed a most congenial disposition which easily earned for him many new friends wherever he visited. He was a member of Dunlap Lodge of Masons, Adah Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and the First Universalist church, and took an active interest in all of the societies for many years.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Bertha Cole Goodwin, he leaves a daughter, Miss Helen Goodwin of Biddeford Pool, and two sons, Albra H. Goodwin of this city and Guy Goodwin of Saco.

Announcement of the funeral arrangements will be made later.

MAY 23, 1941.

Well-Known Resident Died In Saco Today

Walter Edmond Wentworth, a life-long resident of this city and Saco, died Thursday night at his home, 95 High street. His age was 65 years, seven months and 10 days.

He was born in this city, son of John F. and Ida Norwood Wentworth. For 28 years he was employed by the Cumberland County Power & Light Co. as nightoperator. He was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this city, Saco and vicinity.

He leaves his wife, Johanna L. Wentworth; two sons, Walter E. Jr., of Boston and Harold L., of Cornish; five daughters, Mrs. Ida A. Norwood, Dorchester, Mass., Mrs. Doris L. Collum, Bar Mills, Mrs. Ethel F. Fox, Long Island, N. Y., Mrs. Helen M. Dore, Saco, and Miss Ruth I. Wentworth, Saco; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Albert M., of Denver, Col., and George F., of this city.

Mr. Wentworth was a member of First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home, 95 High street, Saco. Friends may call from 12 to 1 o'clock.

Old Pool Road Church Not Substantially As It Was 175 Years Ago

The following interesting letter referring to the history of the old Pool road church has been received from Archibald Waldo Roberts, formerly of this city. Mr. Roberts takes exceptions to the statement that the old church is substantially the same as it was 175 years ago. His letter follows:

We were glad to attend once again annual services at the old First Congregational church on the Pool road, founded April 30, 1730. I sat in Pew 18, owned by my grandfather, Capt. Waldo Hill.

The printed order of exercises stated that regular services were discontinued in 1880. This is correct, for the last pastor was H. A. Freeman. The Maine Register for the year 1880 gives his name, while the editions of 1881 and 1882 show a vacancy in the pastorate.

We were informed that the building today is substantially as it was 175 years ago. With this statement I disagree. Our attention was called to the marks of antiquity, such as the barrelled ceiling, the laths made out of split boards and the box pews. Let us see whether this building is so old as is commonly thought. Some time after 1752 the people of Lower Biddeford decided they needed a larger church. The late Daniel E. Owen in his Old Times in Saco, page 66, says: "It was large enough to seat 800-1,000 people; two stories high; with galleries; sounding board; and in all other details constructed after the stereotyped model of New England meeting-houses."

It was torn down in 184- and a neat house built of its materials." He cites as his authority John Wingate Thornton. The old York County Atlas, printed in 1872, says of the church: "It was remodelled and transferred into a modern edifice and dedicated Sept. 4, 1840." So I maintain that a person looking at the Old Pine Tree Church, as it was sometimes called, sees not a building of 1775, or even 1800 but a creation of the year 1840—just one hundred years old. I have looked at the nails used in the construction. They are not the old hand-made nails such as used in the Corporation houses torn down two years ago on York hill and of which I have several specimens. They are instead the usual cut nail. The clapboards on the church are modern, such as one can see any on any house. The clapboards butt against each other squarely. Today the only really old clapboards on the Pool road with overlapping ends may be seen on the house 309 Pool road, the home of my father, the late Col. Frank W. Roberts, who was first trustee of the old Congregational church at the time of his death. Here one riding along the road can notice the prominent old hand-made nails holding the ends of the clapboards together.

The Bible of the church is not over 80 years old and the hair-cloth sofa and two Empire chairs look to be of the 1840's. I think that the pew of George Washington in Alexandria, which is today just as he sat in it in 1785, although it has no door, is much older than the box pews of the First Congregational church.

It has been said that the gallery in the rear of the edifice was used for the servants and the menials. I am inclined to

doubt that social situation existed so late as 1840. In the early church at Winter Harbor there was a class distinction in the seating. It would appear that the gallery was instead a choir loft, for the late Sarah E. Gay, mother of Robert Henry Gay, who was born in 1825, sang in the choir gallery in her girlhood. J. W. Thornton in the note vited says the building torn down in 184- was of the stereotyped model. Therefore it may have had a spire or steeple. Folsom's History of Saco and Biddeford on page 202 has a map of important places and shows a church with a spire on the Pool road. Our old church today is without that ornament.

One of the early pastors was Rev. Moses Morrill, and every year we are informed the Morrill school was named after him. In my youth I was told that in 1860 a quack doctor of Boston named Morrill—no relation of Rev. Mr. Morrill, who died in 1778—hit upon the idea of giving this school to the city. Maybe he wanted to honor himself as well as Mr. Morrill, who lived nearly opposite. It seems unlikely that the city of Biddeford would build a school honoring the memory of a minister who had been dead for over 80 years. Let others investigate.

I have a receipt given by Cyrus Gordon, treasurer, on Sept. 3, 1840, one day before the dedication. It is in part as follows: "This certifies that Thomas Emery, Jr., has made choice of Pew 36 in the First Parish meeting house at eight dollars for choice, valued at twenty dollars."

In former times a person had to be very careful that he occupied his own pew on Sunday. Once a well known lady of Lower Biddeford brought legal action for trespass against a man who sat in her pew without permission. The writer knew both parties in his youth. It was a case of "Let the sinner beware."

About 25 years ago my father on answering a knock at his door found there a party of Thornton academy students who were planning a historical pageant. They were in quest of the old tithing stick. I proceeded to the church and looked all around, even climbing over the ceiling under the roof. But no tithing stick was to be found. The students were disappointed. At York (Maine) there is a tithing stick.

In 1915 or thereabouts a great grandson of Rev. Mr. Morrill, himself an author of a book on China, came down from Boston to find his ancestor's grave. He interviewed my father and Robert H. Gay but was not successful. I am now inclined to think that the parson lies in one of the unmarked graves in the old cemetery at the head of the lane nearly opposite the Atkinson home on the Pool road, since there are stones erected on the lot bearing the name Morrill.

The old Communion service set has for years been in the care of a family living in the neighborhood.

The organ of the church was given about 45 years ago by Mr. Haines of Massachusetts.

The writer has known only one pastor of the church. He was my neighbor, Rev. Joshua S. Gay, who served in 1846 and 1847, being the father of Robert Henry

Gay, who lives in the old home with the bull's eye glass on the Pool road.

The most distinguished man to attend service in the edifice before it was mutilated by the remodelling was, in my opinion, Sir William Pepperell. He used to stay frequently at the home of Mr. Morrill on the Pool road.

Archibald Waldo Roberts.
Philadelphia, Sept. 14.

JANUARY 19, 1942.

Ben Oldread President Of N. E. Veterans



Portland Press Herald—Portland, Maine—
Monday Morning, July 28, 1941

Miss Jane L. Burbank, Portland Public Librarian, Dies At Home

Had Served Here
For 16 Years

Miss Jane L. Burbank, librarian of Portland Public Library, since 1925 died Sunday afternoon at her home, 49 West Street, after an illness of three weeks. Physicians said she suffered an embolism.

Miss Burbank, a native of Saco, was graduated from Thornton Academy and then from Wellesley College in 1904 and later taught English in the State Normal School at Danbury, Conn., where she also was librarian. She was graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Library Science from the New York State Library School, attached to the New York State Library and the University of New York. After serving in the library at Trenton, N. J., she became senior assistant in the reference department of the Public Library at Newark, where she worked under John Cotton Dana, a national authority on library science. She was librarian in the Dyer Library at Saco from 1921 until her appointment to the Portland position.

She was a member of the Portland College Club, Western Maine Wellesley Club, Woman's Literary Union, Current Events Club, the Maine Library Association and the American Library Association.

Miss Burbank was the daughter of Judge Horace H. Burbank, a graduate of Bowdoin in the class

of 1860. A brother, Ralph Burbank of Saco, and cousins survive.

The Very Rev. Howard D. Perkins, rector of St. Luke's Cathedral, of which Miss Burbank was a member, will officiate at funeral services in the Immanuel Chapel at 2.30 p. m. Tuesday. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Saco.



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Roger Polson Bean
Elizabeth Ann Beecher
Irene Bizantakos



Betty Evanthal Brickates
Robert Elias Brickates
Stephen William Brickates
Carleton Brock



Dorothy Louise Smith
Priscilla Marietta Smith
Virginia Anita Smith
Laurence Hudson Staples



George Huntress
Marilyn Huntress
Lorraine Huot
Richard Johnson



Pauline Gertrude Charles
Philip Charles
Janice Craig
Daniel Joseph Davis, Jr.



Peter Stephen Shourens
Daniel Elwood Sylvester
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Olive Lois Townsend



Alexander Joseph Jurglewich
Paul Kelleher
Robert Knox
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Bina Elizabeth Sawyer
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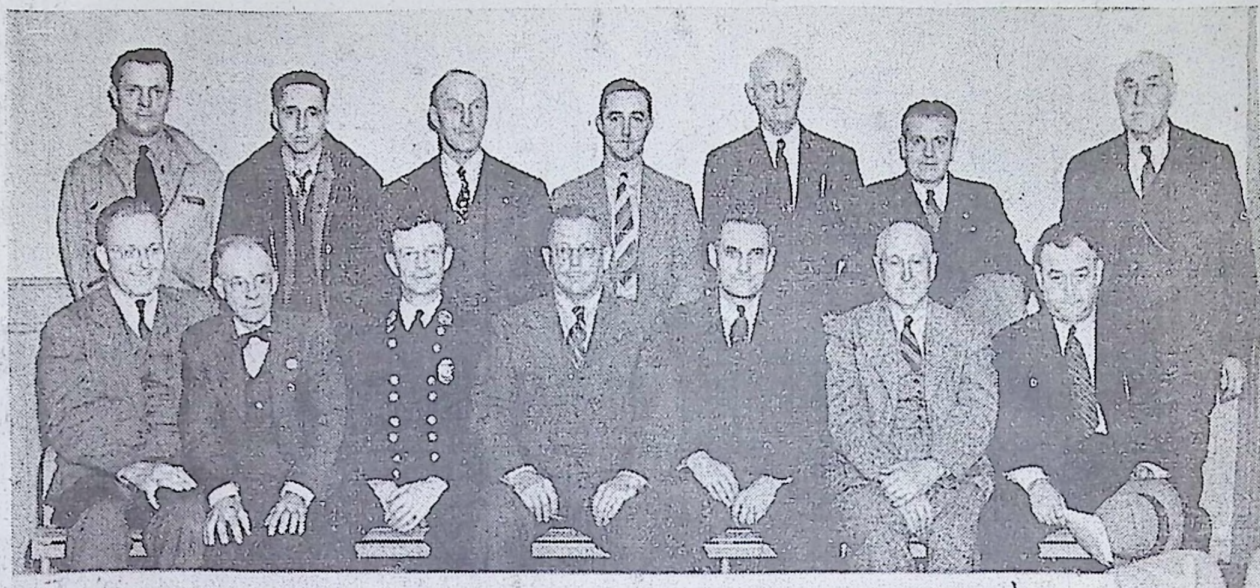


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Florence Mildred Goldman
Ellen Ida Googins
Edward Richard Halpin
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Saco Civilian Defense Unit



Members of Saco's newly-created Civilian Defense Unit gathered last evening to formulate plans for the defense setup operation. They are:

Left to right, front row: F. Walter Stackpole, Dr. L. E. Willard, Chief Eugene T. Ricker, of the Fire Department; I. Harold

Angell, defense coordinator; Mayor Gerry B. Nutting, Harry C. Hull, Ralph Hawkes.

Second row: City Marshal John Bryant, Street Commissioner Paul E. Towne, Aldermen Richard Libby, Alfred Emerson, Benjamin Oldread, George Butler and George Dolby.

Biddeford Journal Photo.

OCTOBER 15, 1941.

Pat Brown Retiring From Power Company

General Pat Grew Up With Company

Ferdinand O. Bouthillette, perhaps as well-known throughout the county as Pat Brown, for 25 years credit manager at the Biddeford office of the Cumberland County Power & Light Co., and for over 38 years an employee of local power companies in various capacities, will conclude his duties November 1.

Having attained the specified age limit, Mr. Bouthillette, or "Pat" as he prefers to be known to intimates, is bringing his long period of service to an end under the retirement rules of the company as made effective some years ago.

In putting aside the cares of his position to enjoy a well-deserved rest, Pat, by his kindness, his genuine humaneness which made him always approachable, coupled with his recognized executive ability, will leave a niche in the ranks of local utility employees that will be difficult to fill.

Starting work as an electrician in April, 1903, for the then York Light & Heat Co., he obtained the fundamentals for his later career, the hard way. Continuing

this type of work for some two years, he was graduated into the more intricate work of meter setting and repairing, with periodic months of meter reading and are light repairing as company foremen recognized his adaptability to newly-patented utility machinery then being put on the market to keep pace with the rapid growth of the industry.

At the end of five years, during the summer months, Mr. Bouthillette was made assistant to the late Walter J. Gilpatrick at Old Orchard Beach, at times serving as collector in both the light and water departments, grouped together in one office.

Continuing his climb up the ladder of advancement, he was made credit manager, soon after the then York County Power Co. was incorporated with the present Cumberland County Power & Light Co. During his quarter-century as head of this difficult but essential department, which has seen repeated changes to meet the needs of rapid expansion, Pat has added countless names to the list of twin-city residents who regard

him as a true friend.

Always interested in the welfare of the city, he served as secretary to the board of health for a three-year period, and has noted the recent rapid growth of the surrounding communities with genuine pleasure.

While his activities with the company will cease Nov. 1, Pat plans to make his home in Biddeford, taking short trips to other parts of the country at times, as his health permits. Though absent from his work a number of weeks this summer due to illness, he returned to his duties several weeks ago, and is cleaning out his desk to make room for his successor.

The Journal believes it voices the wishes of hundreds of his friends in saying, "Godspeed, Pat Brown."



F. BOUTHILLETTE.

APRIL 28, 1942.

Nellie F. Hill Former Teacher At Thornton Dead

Miss Nellie F. Hill, a life-long resident of Saco, and a teacher at Thornton academy for 43 years, died early this morning at her home, 84 High street, Saco. Her age was 81 years, seven months and 12 days.

She was born in this city, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann Hill.

Miss Hill, who retired several years ago, enjoyed a wonderful reputation as a teacher at Thornton academy and was known to a host of friends among the graduates of the academy, by whom she was held in high esteem. For several years she was active socially in Saco and vicinity. At her retirement from the academy she was paid splendid tributes for her rare ability as a teacher and for the kindly and helpful assistance given students under her supervision in classes. She maintained an interest in students after they left the school and enjoyed a great many friendships built up among those who attended classes at the school while she was a member of the faculty.

As far as known, she had no near relatives.

She was a member of the Christian Science society of Saco. Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

Tanner Inn Swept By Fire Monday



Tanner's Inn Fire Swept Yesterday

Lack of Water Hinders Firemen

A fire believed to have started around a chimney caused a loss estimated by the owner as between \$15,000 and \$20,000 Monday afternoon at the old Curtis farm property, Fortunes Rocks, for the past several years conducted as Tanner's Inn by Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Tanner. Valuable antiques were among the contents of the building.

Tanner Inn, Fortunes Rocks, damaged by fire Monday afternoon. High wind and lack of water proved handicaps to the firemen. Volunteers saved much furniture. The big barn on the property was not burned. Many antiques were among the furnishings of the summer hotel.

Top left: Charles V. Tanner, Jr., and his father, Charles V. Tanner, owner of the hotel.

Top right: Looking at rear of the hotel, showing damage to the section where most of the rooms for summer visitors are located.

Lower: Looking at hotel from the roadway, showing damage to the main building.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

AUGUST 13, 1941.

E. W. Vinton Dead in Saco

Was a Retired Cigar Maker

Edward W. Vinton, widely known and highly esteemed lifelong Saco resident, one of the last group of local retired veteran cigar makers and manufacturers, died this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John L. Armstrong, 63 North street, Saco, where he has resided since the death of his wife some time ago. His age was 73 years and 11 months. The news of his passing

was learned of with much sorrow by his large circle of acquaintances and former business associates.

Mr. Vinton was born in Saco, the son of Ernest and Cassie (Harmon) Vinton. His father was a well-known Civil war veteran of that city. He was educated in the Saco schools and when a young man was most prominent in local athletic circles as a baseball and football player. When a young man he learned the cigar-makers trade and later engaged in the manufacture of his own brand of local cigars which became most popular among many smokers in this section of York county for 50 years before retiring. He also conducted a tobacco store in connection with this business for many years. At one period of his younger life before becoming a maker of cigars he was employed for a brief time on the horse-car line operating between the two cities.

He was a lover of all branches of sports and on numerous occasions journeyed to many far distant points in the country to witness major sporting events. He took a deep interest in the activities of schoolboy athletics in his native community and was known as one of the outstanding supporters of Thornton academy's athletic teams.

He was also a great lover of dogs and horses. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the city where he resided and was always ready to champion any cause which might lead to any improved conditions for the inhabitants of the city, county or state. He served as a member of the Saco board of aldermen for some years and his services were deeply appreciated by the residents of the ward which he represented in the city government. He was also interested in boating on the Saco river.

Mr. Vinton possessed a most jovial disposition which easily earned for him new friends wherever he journeyed. He was also known to have aided many persons in distress who approached him for aid and his many kind charitable acts will live long in the memory of those benefitting by them. He was a member of Unity lodge, Knights of Pythias and filled practically all of the leading offices in that organization at different periods of his life. He also for many years was active in Western Maine Knights of Pythias Jubilee Association circles.

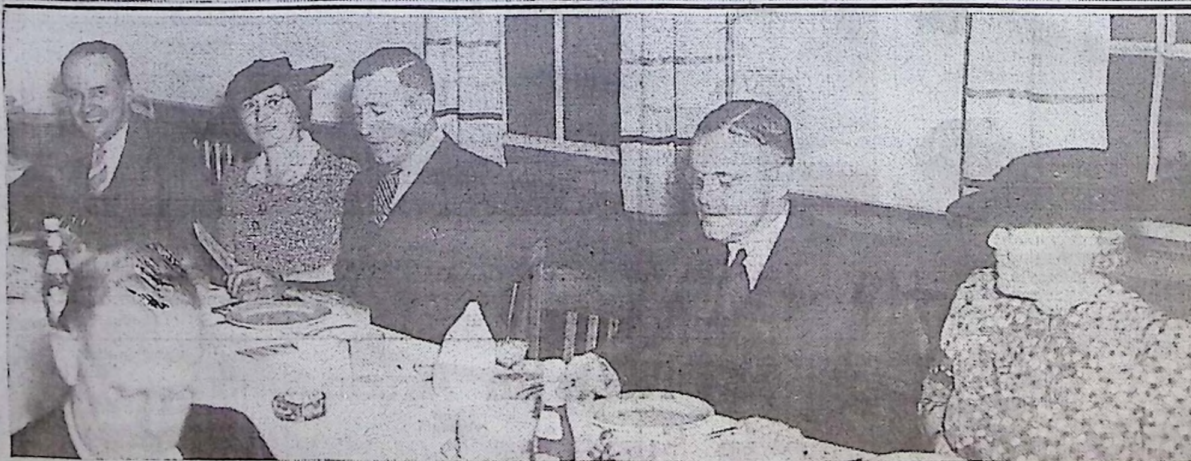
He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. John L. Armstrong, and a brother, William H. Vinton, of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.



Dr. Thompson

Guests At Head Table For Fish And Game Club Banquet



Top picture, left to right: Governor and Mrs. Sumner Sewall, Walter F. Stackpole and wife and Joseph S. Stickney, supervisor of research for the state department of inland fisheries and game.

Middle picture: Dr. Laura Black Stickney, Representative Harold Hanold, chairman of the committee on fisheries and game of the state legislature; Mrs. Gerry Wade and Gerry Wade, state

hatchery superintendent; Mrs. Gerry Nutting, and Mayor Gerry Nutting of Saco.

Bottom picture: Representative George Varney, speaker of the house of representatives; Mrs. George Varney, State Senator George Wentworth of Kennebunk; Representative R. Pierpont Jordan and Mrs. R. Pierpont Jordan of Saco.

—Biddeford Journal Photo.

PORTLAND, MAINE, SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 1941

DECEMBER 30, 1941.

D. W. Perkins Died At Home Of Daughter

Was Well Known Local Resident

Daniel W. Perkins, a native of Kennebunkport and a resident of Biddeford and Saco for more than 60 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank A. Leighton, 181 Beach street, Saco, late Monday evening following a lingering illness. His age was 87 years, 6 months and 13 days.

Coming to Saco when a young man, Mr. Perkins, during the lengthy period of his residence in that city and in Biddeford, established a long list of true friends who held him in high esteem. A keen student of human nature, and always greatly interested in local and state wide events, Mr. Perkins often took his pen in hand to express his opinion through the columns of the Journal, doing so in a manner that indicated long study and careful analysis of the subject matter. Matters pertaining to civic betterment always engaged his attention, his contributions on this subject and other related matters being followed through the forum columns of the local paper.

Mr. Perkins was an attendant at the Unitarian church, School street, Saco.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Perkins, he is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Frank A. Leighton of Saco, Mrs. George Scollins of Roslindale, Mass., Mrs. Edna Fearon of Boston, and Mrs. A. L. Rallis of Old Orchard Beach; and four sons, Daniel H. Perkins of Malden, Mass., John H. Perkins of Stamford, Conn., George A. of this city and Frank L. Perkins of Saco.

Twenty-eight grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services will be conducted from the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Frederick J Ordway of Saco
and Mrs. Frederick J. Ordway Jr.
of Bronxville N.Y.

JANUARY 27, 1941.

Mrs. W. Murkland Dead in Lowell

Mrs. Isabelle Heiserick of Fortunes Rocks received a telegram from Lowell, Mass., today, notifying her of the death of Mrs. Walter Murkland, who was Margaret Bacon, daughter of the late Charles Bacon, before marriage. The Bacons were early settlers in the summer colony at Fortunes Rocks, and among the prominent residents of this city.

She leaves her husband and one daughter, also many friends and a few relatives in the vicinity.

MARCH 27,

1943.



Leland Robinson.

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MAY 14, 1942.

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JEAN FESSENDEN



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FEBRUARY 24, 1942.



CLARENCE E. CRAIG.

APRIL 28, 1942.

Luvill H. Hill, Well Known Local Machinist, Dead

Luvill H. Hill, well-known local machinist, died Monday at a Hollis hospital. His age was 75 years.

He was born in Kennebunkport, son of Jason H. and Elizabeth (Thompson) Hill.

Mr. Hill was employed for years as a pipe-fitter in the

Pepperell Mills. He was known and held in high esteem by a host of friends in this city, Saco, and vicinity. A man of genial personality, he easily made friends and was always ready to give assistance to others in any way possible. He was a valued employee of the Pepperell for many years.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Josephine (King) Hill, and a daughter, Mrs. Thomas H. Hooper, both of Saco, and a cousin, Mrs. Claude F. Garland of Old Orchard Beach.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.





BIDDEFORD CIVILIAN DEFENSE COMMISSION formally organized last night: Left to right, seated—Arthur F. Maxwell, William E. Shaw, ex-Mayor Wilfrid Landry, Basil C. Emery. Standing, left to right—City Solicitor William P. Donahue.

Michael J. Boland, Edwin T. McDowell Timothy J. Mahoney, Dr. David E. Dolloff, Mayor Louis B. Lausier, Joseph Deering, Alphonse Renouf, Hertel F. Pariseau and City Clerk Armand Duquette.

Biddeford Journal Photo.

NOVEMBER 21, 1941.

Barber At Beach Many Years Dead

Eugene Weymouth, widely known and highly esteemed retired Old Orchard Beach barber, a former resident of Saco and Waltham, Mass., for many years, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Libby, 21 Longwood avenue, Old Orchard Beach, where he had resided of late, last evening, following several weeks illness. While Mr. Weymouth had been in failing health for some time, he had only been confined to his bed for the past several days. He was a brother of the late former Mayor Dr. Harry Weymouth of Saco. He was 73 years old.

He was educated in the Saco schools and when a young man learned the barber's trade. He followed this occupation for a long period of years, operating barber shops at his home in Saco and Old Orchard Beach for numerous years and at other times employed in places of the same kind in the two cities and in Waltham, Mass.

He was a great lover of all branches of sports and often journeyed to far distant points in the country to witness major athletic and sporting events. He had a wide circle of acquaintances throughout New England who were patrons of the places where he worked.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Louise Brashier of Alabama, and seven grandchildren including Mrs. Miriam Whalen and Mrs. Ruth Pomeroy of Waltham.

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The body has been prepared for burial and will lie in state at the Cosgrove funeral home, 326 Elm street, this city, until funeral services are held at St. Margaret's church at Old Orchard Beach, Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

DECEMBER 18, 1941.

Elton Coker Saco Resident Died Wednesday

Elton B. Coker, well-known Saco resident for over 60 years, died Wednesday at a local hospital, following a long illness. Mr. Coker was employed for several years with his father who conducted a large department store on Factory Island, Saco, and associated in the business for a time before the store was closed. In later years he was employed at Saco City hall and in other positions there.

Mr. Coker was born in Alna, March 24, 1866, son of Albert M. and Emma (Nelson) Coker.

Mr. Coker was an ardent fisherman and was considered one of the most expert fly fishermen in this section. He was active in several circles in Saco and vicinity and was held in high esteem by many friends in this section.

He leaves his wife Nellie (Carpenter) Coker, a daughter, Mrs. Melbourne J. Cheney of Saco, and two sons, Paul A. Coker of Utica, N. Y., and Alan W. Coker of Saco; also a grandson.

Private funeral services will be held at 3.30 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

Friends are asked to omit flowers.

DECEMBER 15, 1941.

M. J. Twomey Died Sunday Morning

Employed Many Years On Journal

Michael J. Twomey, former employe of the Biddeford Journal for several years and a well-known resident of the city, died



MICHAEL J. TWOMEY.

Sunday morning at a local hospital. He had been ill for several weeks. His condition had been critical for several days.

He was born in this city September 13, 1878, son of Michael and Joanne (Fanning) Twomey. After attending local schools, he entered the employ of the Biddeford Journal at the age of 9, October 20, 1887, and worked up through various jobs in the composing room to that of makeup, succeeding the late Henry W. Roberts in that position. He then transferred to the newsroom as a reporter and worked up to the position of city editor, at which he was serving when he retired several years ago.

After retiring from the Journal he continued as correspondent for the Boston Post and the Boston Record and Advertiser. In 1925 Mr. Twomey received much praise for bringing about a settlement of the Pepperell Mill strike.

He was widely known throughout York county through his association with the newspapers, and was held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in the city and vicinity. He was a member of the Holy Name society of St. Marys parish.

He leaves four sons, David J., Deputy Sheriff D. Kerwin, Gordon and Dr. Philip A. Twomey, all of this city, except Dr. Philip, who is located in Washington, D. C.; one brother, Daniel A. Twomey of Saco, and several grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a. m., Tuesday at St. Marys church.

Holy Name Society To Meet.

Members of the Holy Name society of St. Marys parish are to meet at the Twomey home, 41 Green street, at 8 o'clock this evening to assist at prayers.

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NOVEMBER 6, 1941.

Thomas D. Proctor Died Last Night

Thomas Drew Proctor, retired saw-mill and box shop operator, one of the oldest and most highly respected residents of the two cities, and most active in Biddeford-Saco Rotary club circles for a long period of time, died at his home, 11 Beach street, Saco, late last evening. His age was 95 years. The news of his death will occasion much sorrow for his numerous acquaintances, including the large number of former employes of the box-shop plant which he operated here for many years before retiring 20 years ago.

Thoms D. Proctor was born in Barnstead, N. H., April 2, 1846, the son of Thomas K. and Mary (Drew) Proctor. He attended the public schools of that town and Wolfboro academy. He was married to Miss Emma Nutter and later they settled in Beverly, Mass. He carried on an express business for some time.

In 1880, he came to Saco and became connected with the Crossman box shop in the Somesville district. After the plant was badly destroyed by fire, he built a factory on upper Main street, in this city, near the eastern division passenger station of the Boston and Maine railroad company, and employed a crew of 175 men.

The Proctor family resided in the Hardy house on Adams street, (the present site of the Adams House) until the death of Mrs. Proctor, in 1913. With his daughter, Mrs. Waldo Russell, and husband, the three moved to one of the Dr. H. W. Hurd apartments on South street, where they resided until Mr. Proctor retired from business at the age of 75 years. He then purchased a residence at 11 Beach street, Saco, and with his daughter and her husband moved there. His daughter's husband died there in 1934.

Through the tender care of his two daughters, Mrs. Carl Parcher and Mrs. Russell, he was able to enjoy many years of good health, although lameness had confined him to his room in an upstairs section of the home the greater part of the time in recent years. He possessed all of his natural faculties up to the time of his last illness and only wore glasses when he read.

One of his principal amusements during the long period that he was forced to remain in his room was to watch the arrival and departure of the school buses, transporting the pupils of the Locke school building on Beach street to and from their homes, and the activities and games the pupils indulged in during recess periods. Many of the pupils and teachers at school made a practice of waving at Mr. Proctor and receiving his personal salute as they passed his home frequently during school days. This act also afforded him much pleasure.

When a serious fire occurred on upper Main street some years ago causing the box shop operated by Mr. Proctor to be destroyed by flames the entire plant was restored. One of the pleasant memories which he appeared to highly cherish until his final days were certain incidents connected with

the reopening of the remodeled building. When plans were completed for the reopening he posted notices about the outside of the shop of the date he intended to resume operations. He made no special request for any of his former help to reenter his employment but patiently waited to see how large a number of his old employes would come back to work after the plant had been closed for a long period. It was with much contentment and pleasure when he found that the entire crew had reported for further employment.

In 1920, at the age of 75, he retired from business, disposing of his interests to the concern now operating under the title of the Biddeford Box company.

He became a member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club soon after its institution and became one of the most loyal and energetic members of the club attaining a 100 per cent attendance record for many years when his health permitted. When extreme lameness prevented his attending regular sessions of the club he was elected an honorary member. He was a member of the First Parish Congregational church of Saco.

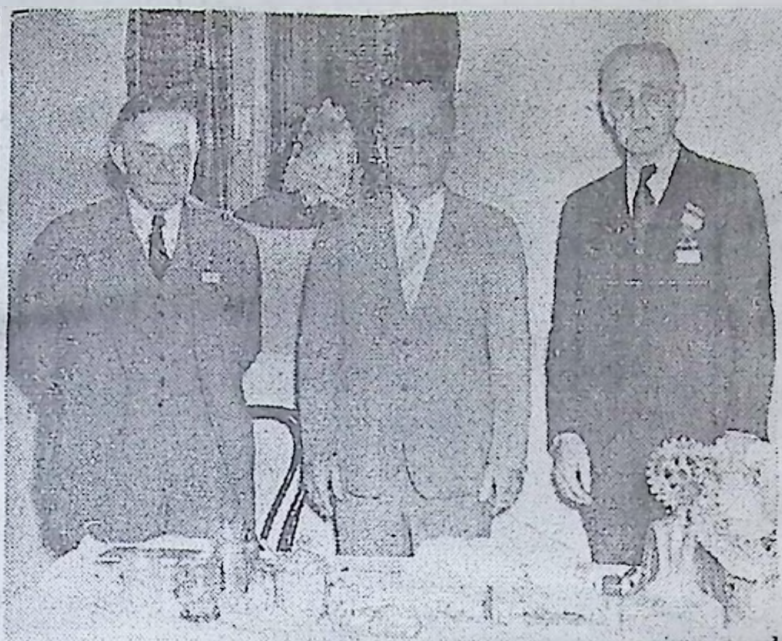
Mr. Proctor was styled by his many friends as a real gentleman of the old school, courteous to everyone, charitable to those who erred, generous to those in need, conservative in his views of life and its perplexities and his judgment proved of great value on nearly all occasions to those who sought it.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Carl Parcher and Mrs. Waldo Russell of Saco; a grandson, Clifford Parcher of West Newton, Mass., and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from his late home, 11 Beach street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

September 18, 1941

Rotary District Head Guest



By Staff Photographer

Left to right, R. Pierpont Jordan, president of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary Club, Prof. Harlan M. Bisbee of the University of New Hampshire, 193rd district governor of Rotary International, and Carl C. Parcher, secretary of the Biddeford-Saco Club at a luncheon meeting at the Thatcher Hotel, Biddeford, Wednesday on the occasion of the district governor's official visit.

Prof. Bisbee gave an inspiring talk on Rotary Goes Forward at the luncheon session and later in the day met at the Cascades Lodge, Saco, with the officers and committee heads of the Biddeford-Saco club to discuss plans of Rotary International for the coming year.



ONCE AGAIN . . .

How Old Central Block Looked



Biddeford in the horse and buggy days. All the folks must have been "down town" when this picture of old Central block was taken. The block was on the lot where City building now stands. The date of the fire has not been definitely settled.

OCTOBER 30, 1941.

Has Good Description Of Old Central Block

An excellent description of the Central block which occupied the present site of City building, Biddeford, prior to March 2, 1858, is given in a handbill issued from the Central block office of Rufus Small, February 22, 1855. This well preserved handbill which sets forth vividly articles listed in a \$125,000 "Sale of Engravings," is the property of Ralph C. Robbins, 144 Alfred street, this city, and is a part of a group of similar old time records of early Biddeford events inherited from his grandfather, the late Charles O. Gould.

"Central block—the most elegant wooden building in the state, painted and sanded and of a fine granite color," so begins the prospectus of the engraving sale, "is 218 feet long, was built in 1850 of wood and brick—first story on the back of brick, ends of brick, also three brick partitions as high as the third story; first story is divided into nine stores, 20 feet wide and 43 feet long, from 10 to 15 feet high.

"The second floor has 16 large well-finished offices, with two ante-rooms for halls. This story is 11 feet high. The third story contains two halls; the smaller called Beethoven hall, is 43 feet by 60 feet. The larger, called Central hall, is 43 feet wide and 114 feet long and 15 feet high and it is lighted by four elegant gas chandeliers; it has a stage, 14 feet by 43 feet, lighted by nine gas foot-lights. The seats are large and elegant, being fitted with mahogany arms.

"The hall will seat from 1,000 to 1,500 persons, and it is warm-

ed by a furnace. Entrance to the halls and offices are by stairs of southern pine, large and spacious. 6 feet wide with mahogany rails on each side. A 10 foot wide sidewalk of pressed brick is at the front of the structure with hewn stone hitching posts at intervals. Lighted by gas, it is, in every shape, a first class building.

"Every store and office is occupied," the prospectus concludes.

At the top of the handbill announcing the \$125,000 sale of engravings a sketch is reproduced titled "A view of the City of Biddeford from the river." Three churches and several two-story hip roof structures that might be manufacturing plants of that day, are delineated, with

the wharf area seemingly the busiest spot to be found.

It might be helpful to the reader to explain that the term "sale of engravings" as appears on the handbill, refers to what we in this day would term sale of stock certificates; in the particular sale as promoted by Rufus Small, some 20,000 shares, amounting to \$125,000, at one dollar per share, was offered, entitling the holder to his share of the profits arising from the sale.

Four shares of Central block, as above described, in common and undivided, each share being then valued at \$9,000, was but one of nearly a hundred pieces of property, both tangibles and intangibles, described and listed in the prospectus of the engravings sale.

Other interesting items follow: 26 shares in the right to manu-

facture, put on and use, Gurnsey's Patent Weather Strip, for each town in York county. Value \$200. One dark bay horse, good size and a good roader, together with a sleigh, harness and two robes. Value \$350. Top buggy, \$133. One thousand and seven gold rings at \$1 each.

It would seem, from an accompanying handbill, bearing the date of February 7, 1855, that the above mentioned Rufus Small was a promoter and financier of some ability, for, from his office in Central block, he was instrumental in the operation of a "levee" so-called, at which some 1,000 or more persons participated, some receiving presents; the whole affair being conducted "in an honorable manner and to the satisfaction of the undersigned and all present," the preamble states. It was signed by the following gentlemen of that day: A. J. Downing of Biddeford, recorder; J. E. Wyman of Biddeford; Ivory Smith of Hollis, Horace P. Burnham of Rockport, Philip Libby of Dayton, M. Hutchins of Kennebunk; Samuel Davis, Great Falls, N. H.; B. F. Bickford, Dover N. H., and T. Simpson of Gray.

Beneath their signature is the notation: "Looked over and saw that all was fairly done."

The Journal is indebted to all persons who have come forward with information about the Central block, its location, and date of destruction by fire. Any further information of interest about the early occupants of the structure would be welcome.

Well-Known Citizen Dead

Clarence Gove Former Paymaster

Biddeford today lost another of its outstanding, public spirited citizens, long connected with its industrial and business life. Clarence Gove, who for 43 years was paymaster of the Pepperell mills, was found dead this morning at his home, 201 Alfred street. His age was 69 years. His health had been steadily failing for several months.

He was a son of Edward H. and Elizabeth Jordan Gove, whose names were long associated with Biddeford's progress and achievement.

He leaves his widow, Gertrude Lunt Gove; a daughter, Mrs. Philip H. Rider of South Portland, and two granddaughters, Margery and Nancy Rider. Three brothers and a sister also survive him: Erard J. Gove, former postmaster of Biddeford; Dr. Ralph E. Gove of Belmont, Mass.; George R. Gove, principal of the Moody grammar school, Haverhill, Mass.; Mrs. Mary S. Wallon of Seattle, Wash.

The funeral service, to be held at his late home on Alfred street at 2 o'clock, Thursday, will doubtless be attended by a large number of relatives and friends. To accommodate former fellow employees and others who may wish to call at the home prior to the service, arrangement has been made for them to do so between 12 and 1 o'clock, Thursday. The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. John H. Hyde, pastor of the Second Congregational church of which Mr. and Mrs. Gove were constant attendants.

Clarence Gove was not the type of man who sought public compliment or praise, but faithful service he rendered in his every undertaking. He was for a time auditor of the City of Biddeford and for 26 years he gave his services as treasurer of the McArthur Library Association. He was also a member of the Biddeford High School Alumni Association, having graduated from that school in the class of 1891.

From a recent issue of The Pepperell Sheet, a publication issued in the interests of employees of the Pepperell mills, the following testimonial to his untiring devotion of duty and, good citizenship is quoted:

"A reserved and retiring sort of person, with an excellent and indisputable character, we believe he must have chosen accuracy for his watchword for he never deviated from the true sense of the word in the entire 43 years of proficient service to the company. A citizen whom the city is proud to claim and a man among men whom the Pepperell has always recognized as a competent official. He has the best of good wishes for joyfulness and longevity from the entire organization and a very cordial spirit of undying friendship from his closer associates."

Dr. George R. Love, medical examiner, said death was due to suicide by hanging.

Have Central Block Located, But Cannot Fix Date Of Fire

Through the cooperation of several twin city residents who are interested in the early history of Biddeford, the location of Central block which burned during March, 1858, has been definitely fixed at the corner of Chestnut and Adams streets.

In connection with thus establishing its true location, it must be stated that Chestnut street in 1858 ran in an east to west direction from Washington street to a point near the present location of the Eastern division station of the Boston & Maine railroad, now delineated on the maps as Main street, the lower end of what is now known as Main street being called at that time Liberty street.

Main street, in 1858, was that section of the local laid out plan of streets running from Springs Island to Five Points, which is now known as Elm street.

First to come forward with authentic information based on details imprinted on an original survey map dated 1851, was State Senator Joseph E. Harvey of Saco, long a student of twin-city history, who has gathered together, maps, books and many priceless records dealing with the topography of the localities.

On this map, prepared by Civil Engineer H. F. Walling and his assistant, O. Harkness, the exact location of the block is plainly indicated as being on the present site of City building, and judging from a likeness imprinted at the lower left hand corner of the map it covered about the same amount of earth space as the present municipal building.

Three stories in height and presenting an imposing appearance, if the likeness is authentic, the ground floor of the building was constructed for the occupancy of business houses.

On the face of Mr. Harvey's survey map are the imprinted figures of the population of Biddeford and Saco in 1850, this town being credited with 6,094 residents and Saco with 5,797.

Of further interest, what is now known as State street, is delineated as Merrill street, on the Walling survey.

Clarence M. Watson, 30 Winter street, retired printer, was pleased to journey to the Journal office to contribute what knowledge he had about the Central block and some of the tenants of the edifice at the time of its destruction. Mr. Watson, like Sen-

ator Harvey, is a keen student of present and past history, and what information he was able to give has been garnered from records at hand and conversations with old settlers, as he was but 5 years old at the time the building was burned.

He lists some of the occupants of the block as: Dyer's Drug Store; E. H. McKenney's studio and The Union and Journal, a weekly newspaper of that day.

In connection with the destruction of the building by fire,

Mr. Watson recalled that during the evening of the same day, the home of his parents, located on the Boom road near the Foxwell Bryant ice house, was consumed by flames, forcing all members of the family, including himself, to take refuge with a neighbor. He has a vivid recollection of gazing out from the neighbors window and seeing nothing but a gaunt chimney standing on the site.

The printed record of a committee appointed by the city council of the city of Biddeford "to investigate the title of the city building and other matters connected therewith," under the date line of May 2, 1860, has also been made available to the writer, by Mrs. C. W. Smith.

In the preamble of the report, the investigators, Louis O. Cowan, David Fales and Charles S. Patten, indicate council order of April 11, 1860, desired them to discover and we here quote "to ascertain from the records, the amount of real and personal property possessed by the city at the time of the purchase of te CENTRAL block lot—"

"—having connection with the erection of the City building, so-called, on the lot."

Thus again, is the block's location definitely established through authentic record.

Date of Fire Questioned.

Now a question as to the real date of the conflagration that consumed the Central block is raised by a fourth party, who wishes to remain anonymous.

It is the contention that the records of the then fire chief, Thomas Quinby, fixes the time of the blaze as March 3rd, 1858.

The late Charles C. Hodsdon, by his diary entry, always religiously kept, has set it as during the morning of March 2, of that year.

What was the true date of the fire?

JANUARY 12, 1942.

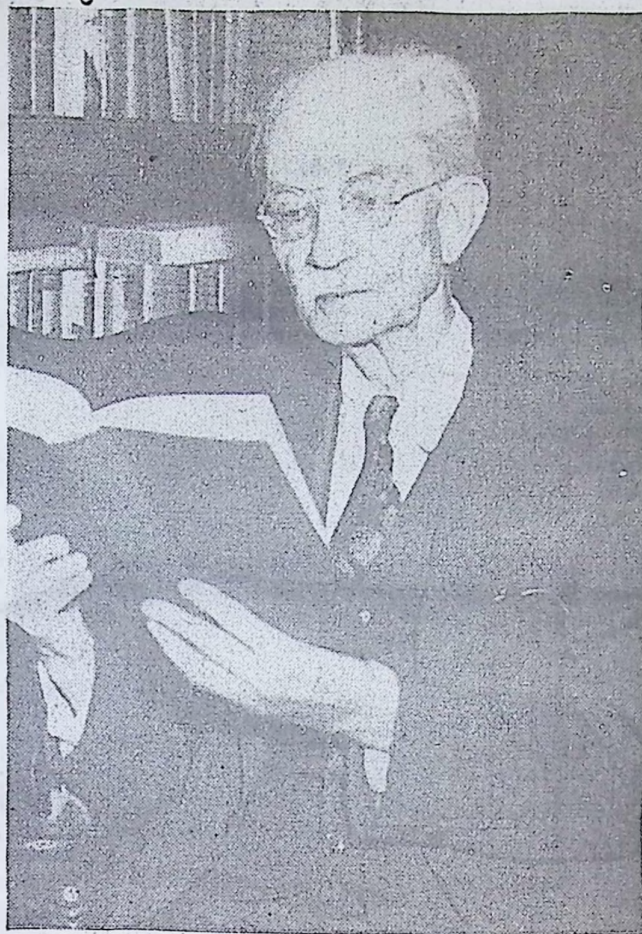
Well-Known Saco Woman Died Sunday

Mrs. H. C. Quinby Active Locally

Mrs. Harriet C. Quinby, 80, died Sunday at a local hospital.

Harriet C. (Staples) Quinby was born in Biddeford, June 21, 1861. She was the daughter of Edward W. and Clara Frisbie Staples. She was the first of eight children born to this couple and was educated in the public schools of Biddeford, graduating from the high school in the class of 1879.

After her graduation Mrs. Quinby took up the study of vocal mu-



ROBERT FULTON WORMWOOD.
Editor of the Biddeford Daily Journal since the year 1900, who retired Saturday.

MAY 2, 1942.



MRS. FILLMORE HARRIS
Co-chairman for Biddeford in Pledge Card Campaign to sell War Bonds

sic. She was already an accomplished pianist. She studied voice in Boston and Worcester, Mass. Her voice was one of rare sweetness and of a clear bell-like quality. She sang in public locally and held solo positions in churches for many years. The churches in which she sang were the Congregational in Biddeford and the Baptist and Unitarian in Saco.

Mrs. Quinby was possessed of a true community spirit and was active in the Unitarian Alliance, the Wardwell Home and other social and benevolent organizations. She was very prominent socially and loved her friends very deeply. Her gay, sweet nature endeared her to all who knew her. She believed in meeting life with a smile and a song. She was a great reader and was especially fond of poetry, of which she collected many volumes and a great number of clippings.

For many years she was president of the Unitarian Alliance and gave a great deal of time and interest to that organization. She was a member of the Annette chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Quinby was married in 1887 to Charles W. Harwood, in 1904 to William Emery and in 1924 to Harry C. Quinby. Mr. Quinby died in 1937. She leaves one sister, Miss Lillie A. Staples of this city and one brother, Harold J. Staples, of Saco.

Saco Committee For Aluminum Drive



Seated, left to right: Joseph Cormier, commander of R. C. Owen post, American Legion; Mrs. Richard Googins, Mayor Gerry B. Nutting and R. Pierpont Jordan, chairman.

Standing: James Perrow, Raymond Cormier, Paul Towne, Lawrence Ladd and Howard Simmons.

Biddeford Journal Photo.

CARLOS H. M'KENNEY DIED EARLY TODAY

Carlos H. McKenney, retired, for 40 years engaged in the hardware business in this city, and an extensive real estate holder, a lifelong resident of this city, died early this morning at his home, 243 South street. His age was 73 years and eight months.

Mr. McKenney had been ill a long time. He was critically ill several months ago from complications, and although he recovered sufficiently so that he was able to take rides in an automobile, his condition has not been good for a long time.

He was born in this city, son of Simeon P. and Octavia (Newbein) McKenney. Mr. McKenney was educated in the local schools and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1882.

After leaving school he entered the employ of the hardware firm of McKenney and Heard, and after the death of his father he established a hardware business for himself. When he retired from business a few years ago, he was next to the oldest business man on Main street. He established a remarkable reputation in business dealings, successfully carrying on business, which for many years

BUSINESS LEADER



CARLOS H. M'KENNEY.

was located at the corner of Main and Jefferson street. He was first stricken in Ap

1929, with what was diagnosed at the time as an illness of diphtheritic nature of a serious type and was for a long time confined to his home on South street under care of his family physician. Complications of a puzzling character developed and specialists were called. He finally recovered to such an extent that he was enabled to resume partial active control of his business affairs, both at his store and of his real estate holdings. His health, however, had become greatly impaired, and for many months before the business was closed, he paid daily visits to the store, though leaving active management to others. He suffered a serious relapse in October of 1929 and specialists were again called. He remained in grave condition at a local hospital for a long time, but again recovered so that for the past year or so he had been able to get around some.

Some years ago he became interested in the real estate business, carrying this on in addition to his hardware business, and either singly or in association with Jere G. Shaw, accumulated a large block of real estate holdings, some of these being considered very valuable. A few years ago he became sole owner of the Deering block and among the other holdings in which he obtained part ownership are the Main street block in which the offices of the Cumberland County Power & Light Co. is located, the block on Main street adjoining the Crystal Arcade where the Fenderson

jewelry business was carried on. With Mr. Shaw, he was at one time owner of the Crystal Arcade property, this being recently purchased by E. S. Nichols. Other real estate holdings in which Mr. McKenney was associated either individually or with Mr. Shaw, are tenements on Elm street just above Main street and several tenement buildings on Center street. Quite a number of years ago he purchased for a residence the old Deacon Samuel Boynton property on South street, the purchase being made of the late Daniel Cote, who had bought it of the late Horace Hall of Saco, who had succeeded the late Daniel Cote as owner.

Mr. McKenney has for many years been actively interested in various lines of local enterprise and business. He was a director of the old Saco National bank at the time it was merged with the York National bank; he became connected with it and was a director of the Biddeford and Saco Water company. He was affiliated with Masonic bodies and was a past master of Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., being one to

receive a past master's jewel a few years ago. In politics Mr. McKenney was a Democrat and became active years ago as a party worker, his activities in this direction being largely confined to ward 6, in which he then lived. Later on he became prominent in the party's councils that embraced the city generally. At the time of the inception of the Citizens movement he became connected with it as a Democrat.

For years Mr. McKenney was prominent in the Democratic party in this city and active in county and state politics. He represented this city in the legislature in 1893. He was also a former alderman and served as a member of the school board.

He was active for years in Masonic circles and was a past master of Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M.

Mr. McKenney was a man of genial disposition, liberal in his support of civic and charitable projects and enjoyed the high esteem of a large circle of friends in the city and vicinity.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth M. McKenney, and a son, Donald S. McKenney, both of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the home on South street.

, AUGUST 25, 1941.



J. WESLEY SCAMMAN.

MAY 24, 1941.

Mrs. A. M. Palmer Died Today

Mrs. Nellie J. Palmer, widow of Albert M. Palmer, one of Saco's most widely known and highly esteemed life-long residents, and for many years prominent in different women's literary, social and fraternal organizations of the two cities, died this morning at the Worthing Nursing Home in Portland, where she has been undergoing treatment for the past few months. The news of her death will occasion much sorrow among her numerous acquaintances of the two cities and the neighboring rural districts. Her age was 81 years.

She was educated in the Saco public schools and was a graduate of the old Saco high school. She took a most active interest in the numerous organizations with which she was affiliated for a long period of time when her health permitted. She possessed a most congenial disposition which earned for her many friends wherever she journeyed. Her many kind and charitable deeds performed either individually or in behalf of her charitable work with the organizations with which she was affiliated will long be remembered by those benefitted by these acts. During late years, previous to being stricken seriously ill, which necessitated her being moved to a Portland hospital for treatment, she made her home with Miss Alice Davidson of High street, Saco. Her husband, Albert M. Palmer, a prominent official of the Standard Oil company in this city, passed away a few years ago. She was a past matron of Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star, a member of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco Lodge of Rebekahs, Thornton Academy Alumni association, Thursday club, the United Baptist church of Saco, and many ladies organizations connected with that parish.

Her nearest surviving relatives are several cousins. Announcement of the funeral services will be made later.

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—November 2, 1941



Miss Pauline H. Smith, grand organist for the Grand Chapter, OES, and worthy matron of Annette Chapter, No. 184, of Saco.

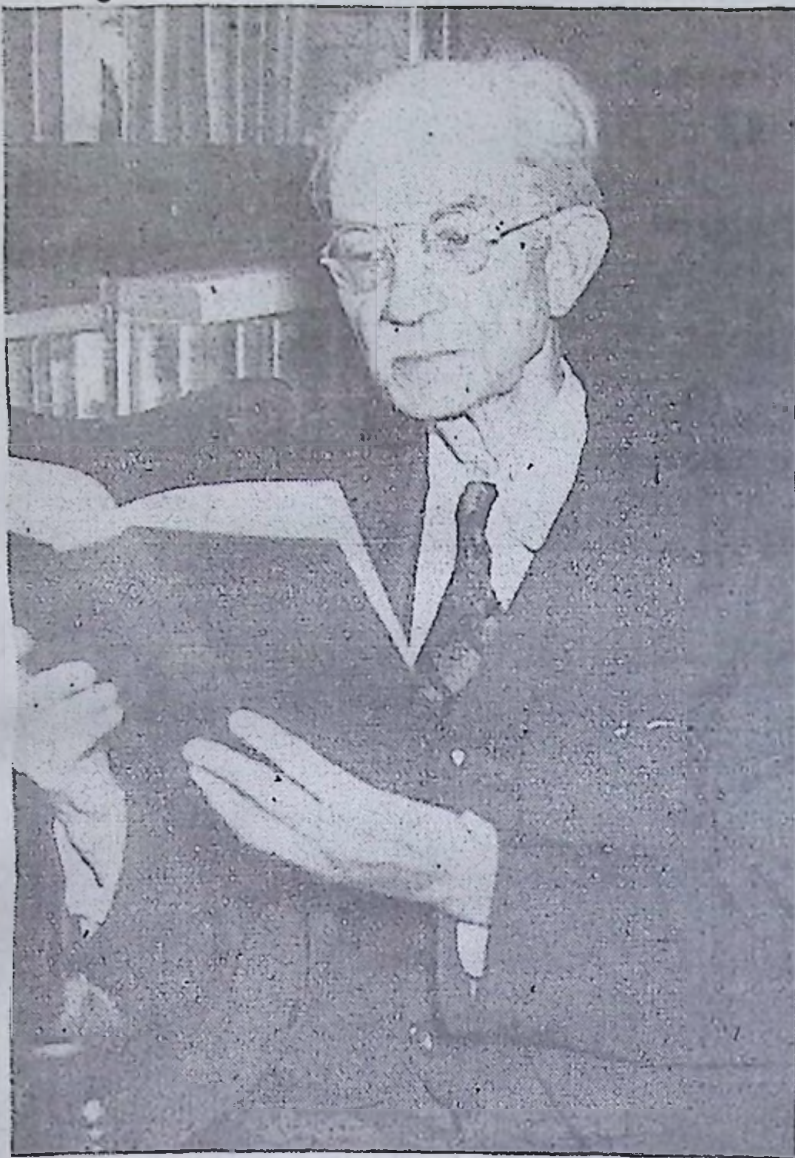
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E. & I. Club Held Benefit Bridge



Some members of the E. & I. club of Saco present at the annual benefit bridge for the home fund held at the rooms in Saco. In the picture from left to right are Mrs. Frederick

C. Lord, Mrs. Henry B. Marsh, Mrs. Herbert Jose, Mrs. George S. Allen, Mrs. Mary Beckwith, Mrs. George Goodchild, Mrs. Clinton Underwood, Mrs. John L. Armstrong.



R. Fulton Wormwood, Journal Editor Over 40 Years, Died Friday

Retired Last Spring After A Notable Newspaper Career

Robert Fulton Wormwood, who retired last spring after serving as editor of the Biddeford Daily Journal since 1900, died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Florence Garland, North Parsonsfield, following a long illness.

Mr. Wormwood retired because of failing health and his condition had been serious for several weeks. He had recently been a patient at a Portland hospital, but his condition was such that he failed to respond to treatment.

Mr. Wormwood leaves two daughters, Mrs. Florence Garland of North Parsonsfield and Mrs. Bertha Doe of Kezar Falls, and three grandchildren.

Known throughout New England as Deacon Wormwood, he was one of the best-known newspapermen in Maine, having been associated with several papers in the state before coming to the Journal in 1900. He was on the editorial staff of the Portland Evening Express and other papers in Portland and Lewiston.

Probably no Maine editor was quoted more often by contemporaries than Mr. Wormwood.

No tribute to his ability as a newspaperman could be more impressive than the monument to his memory created by his own writings, and many friends can testify to his congenial and friendly attributes which won him great esteem and made his friendship something to be appreciated. He was generous in assisting others with advice and counsel, and although never act-

ive in public life, Mr. Wormwood was always interested in civic activities and in his own

way generously gave his time to assist any undertaking of benefit to the community and general welfare.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Kezar Falls Methodist church and burial will be in Riverside cemetery there.

Born at Porter.

Robert Fulton Wormwood was born at Porter June 15, 1858, son of Darius and Abbie Ellen (Wales) Wormwood, and attended the town schools at Porter.

He was twice married. His first wife was Annie M. Stacy of Porter. They were married at Cape Elizabeth in 1884. His second wife was Mrs. Anna Bullock of this city. They were married in Boston in 1907. He had two children by his first wife, Mrs. Bertha M. Doe of Kezar Falls and Mrs. Florence Garland of North Parsonsfield.

Mr. Wormwood was a Mason, a member of Pythagorean lodge, No. 11, Fryeburg; a life member of the Maine Charitable Mechanics association, Portland; a life member of International Long-fellow association. He was a Republican in politics and a staunch defender of party policies, but not active in party affairs, nor ever seeking public office.

Was a Publisher.

He was publisher and editor of the Oxford County Record, Kezar Falls and Fryeburg, from 1883 to 1892; the editorial staff of the Portland Express from 1892 to 1900, and from March 20, 1900 to May 12, 1941, editor of the Biddeford Daily Journal.

Mr. Wormwood was a product of the old type of editorial writers and editorial bosses. He grew up in the business. Getting into the newspaper office when the type was hand set, and when editions were printed on hand-fed cylinder presses and proper training for an editorial or reporter job was considered to be a course in practical printing. For a number of years he worked in job and newspaper offices in Boston, being on the "case" when President Garfield was murdered.

He returned to Kezar Falls and established the Oxford County Record, which he moved to Fryeburg, where he met with an accident and was obliged to give up active work for a time. He finally sold the paper to the Norway Advertiser.

Joined Daily Paper.

It was in 1892 that Mr. Wormwood began his career in the daily newspaper game, joining the editorial staff of the Portland Evening Express in that year when the Express had been purchased by the late Col. Fred N. Dow. He held that position for eight years. He had one off-year during that period. A newspaper magnate appeared on the Maine horizon and established a chain of papers in Portland and Lewiston. Mr. Wormwood went to Lewiston and for nine weeks was the editor of the Lewiston Evening Courier, also the Sunday Courier edition. After nine weeks he returned to Portland and became editor of the Sunday Times. March 20, 1900, he came to this city to assume duties as editor of the Biddeford Daily Journal. It was through the recommendation of A. L. T. Cummings of this city

and Portland that the late Col. Charles H. Prescott hired Mr. Wormwood.

With his background of training and experience in the art of making a newspaper, to which must be added an unusual natural gift as a writer, soon after coming here he made readers realize that a new power was working for the upbuilding of the paper and placing its editorial page well up in the front rank of New England newspapers. A writer because he loved it, Mr. Wormwood never stinted his effort on behalf of the Journal, and early and late found him devoting the best within him to the service of the paper.

Writings Often Quoted.

If not a purist, he was at least a close relation, and many a writer has had cause to remember the summary manner in which he was set right following some literary slip of his which had come under the critical eye of Editor Wormwood. Having small sympathy with modern tendencies in spelling and, in some quarters, expression, Mr. Wormwood never hesitated to raise his editorial voice in defense of the past and the English of Shakespeare. His facile pen could be as gentle as a mother's touch in its approval, as well as stinging in its criticism. He had a dryness that did not detract from acceptability of his writings. That it was recognized by other editors was attested by the frequency with which it was referred to. The editorial page of the Journal being one of the most frequently quoted of any paper in New England.

Met Explorers

Mr. Wormwood had the distinction of being the only man in the world who ever shook hands simultaneously with the discoverers of the North and South Poles. In relating how this came about, Mr. Wormwood said:

"I had long known Peary. You may recall that after he had reached the North Pole Amundsen reached the South Pole. The latter was lecturing in Portland and when he was through I formed out of a little group that chatted informally with him and with Peary who was present. I shook hands with Peary, who introduced me to Amundsen. While still holding Peary's hand I reached my other hand across to Amundsen and said, 'There, I think I am the only man in the world who has had the honor of shaking hands with the discoverers of both poles at the same time.' Amundsen laughed, as did Peary and both admitted that my claim was correct."

JANUARY 12, 1942.

F. E. Bradbury Died Today At Home In Saco

Worked As Brick And Stone Mason

Frank E. Bradbury, a widely known life-long Saco resident who during his younger life was one of the leading brick and

stone mason and who of many public buildings and Biddford on Main ing after 81 years Day.

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stone masons of the two cities and who assisted in the erection of many of the best known public buildings and homes of Saco and Biddeford, died at his home on Main street early this morning after a long illness. He was 81 years old on last Christmas Day.

He was born in Saco, the son of Edward R. and Harriet (Noble) Bradbury. He was educated in the Saco schools and when young learned the mason's trade and followed this occupation for a long period of time until retiring several years ago. He was known as an expert workman in his line and his services were widely sought by different local and out-of-town contracting firms employed in erecting buildings where brick, stone and granite materials were used.

The name of Mr. Bradbury figured quite prominently in Saco municipal court and York county superior court circles during the latter part of 1938 and the early part of 1939 in connection with the sudden death of his sister, Miss Harriet Libby and her body being promptly disposed of by him by burning it in the furnace at Bradbury home on Maine street.

Following his arrest by the Saco police he was arraigned before Judge Clyfton Hewes in the Saco municipal court for disposing of a human body without a proper permit, and he was ordered held to the 1939 January term of the York county superior court at Alfred. Later he was ordered committed to Augusta for observation concerning his sanity. After several months stay at the State hospital he was declared sane and was turned over to York county authorities. He was later taken before a superior court session at Alfred and given a 60-day sentence at Alfred jail for indecent cremation of a human body. After serving the sentence he was released and had resided at his home in Saco since that time.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock.



Mrs. Clarence E. Craig, (lower right) of Main Street, Saco, is among the Saco matrons active in defense work. Mr. and Mrs. Craig have organized an ambulance unit, to be associated with the work of the local Red Cross Chapter, having their own ambulance equipped in readiness for defense work. Mrs. Craig is a trained nurse and was graduated from the Newark City Hospital School of Nursing in New Jersey. She was in service during the World War, having served for a year with the Army Nurse Corps. Mrs. Craig is a member of the Richard C. Owen Post, American Legion, the Women's Educational and Industrial Union and the Webber Hospital Auxiliary. (Photo by Jackson-White.)

Portland Telegram And
Sunday Press Herald
July 26, 1942

Thornton Academy Graduates Engaged



Miss Dorothy F. Nutter

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Nutter of Saco announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy F. Nutter, to Carroll S. Hannaford of Saco. The wedding ceremony will take place at 8 o'clock Monday evening, Aug. 24, in the Unitarian Church at Saco, the Rev. Ward R. Clarke, pastor of the church, officiating.

Miss Lois F. Nutter of Pittsburgh, Penna., cousin of the bride, will be maid of honor, and Robert Batchelder of Gorham will be best man.

Both Miss Nutter and Mr. Hannaford were graduated from Thornton Academy. He is employed by the Portsmouth Navy Yard. Miss Nutters family is residing temporarily in Portland.

APRIL 28, 1942.

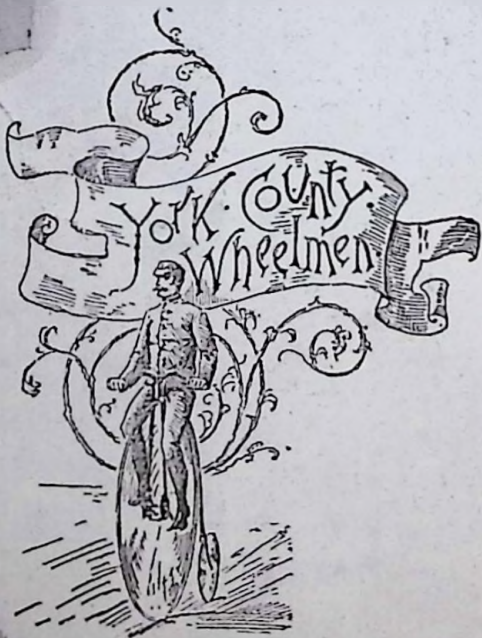
I. C. Meserve, Saco Resident, Died Monday

Irving C. Meserve, a well known life-long Saco resident, died at his home, 102 Temple street, Saco, Monday, following a lengthy illness in his 71st year.

Mr. Meserve was the son of Veranus and Julia (Hansen) Meserve. He was educated in the Saco school. During his younger life he was employed as a teamster by different local concerns and was held as a most valued employe by officials of these companies. In late years he has been employed at different periods on WPA projects in Saco.

He is survived by his son, Elmer H. Meserve, a sister, Mrs. Georgia L. Seavey, a brother, Howard E. Meserve, a granddaughter, and two nieces, all residents of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.





By Staff Photographer.

Mrs. Heloise Painchaud Renouf, director of the Renouf Chorale and for more than 50 years active in music, and Lorenzo Beaudoin, director of the Schubert Men's Choir, chat on plans for the joint concert of the two groups which will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 11, at Biddeford.

NOVEMBER 17, 1941.

AT E. & I. UNION PARTY



Mrs. Christina V. MacLeod, general chairman, and Mrs. Ethel Nutting, member of the committee which successfully staged the party at the E. & I. Union, Saco, for benefit of the educational fund of the Union.

AUGUST 5, 1941.

Walter A. Gowen, Civil War Veteran, Dies At 95

Succumbs At Local Hospital

Walter A. Gowen, 95, one of the two cities surviving triumvirate of Civil war veterans for the past several years, and a local resident for more than 90 years, died early today at a local hospital where he had been taken for treatment this week.

His health in late weeks had been marred by several short periods of illness, but his general health had been considered good until his last illness. Only a month ago he had been driving his auto locally.

For many, many years he had been residing at 15 Western avenue, where he owned his home.

Two nephews, Erwin R. Gowen of Saco and Harry Gowen of this city; three nieces, Mrs. George Wentworth, Mrs. David Grindle, of this city, and Bernice Guptill, Hartford, Conn., and two grand-nieces, Eleanor Gowen Jacobs, Swampscott, Mass., and Barabara Gowen of Saco, survive.

Mr Gowen had been an active participant in parades and patriotic observances for many years, and had attended recent patriotic events whenever his health permitted.

Mr. Gowen was born in Newburyport, Mass., April 17, 1846, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles



FEBRUARY 19, 1942.

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MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 19, 1942.

Ricie E. Davis, Well Known Florist, Dies

Served As Alderman In Local City Government

Ricie E. Davis, widely-known local florist who operated greenhouses adjoining his residence at 231 South street during the past 15 years, prominent in local Masonic and Odd Fellows circles and in other fraternal organizations for many years, died at a local hospital Sunday morning, following a brief illness. His age was 64 years, 5 months and 19 days.

Mr. Davis was born in this city the son of Lewis and Angie (Libby) Davis, and continued to retain his residence here all his life. He was educated in the Biddeford schools. When a young man he learned the machinist trade and for many years during his younger life was employed at the Saco-Lowell Shops. Later he took up farming and dairying and for several years conducted a wholesale and retail milk business. He also during this period became known as one of the most successful market gardeners of the two cities and shipped many of his early season products to distant markets.

After disposing of his milk business he became interested in the florist business and erected greenhouses on South street in the rear of his home. During the past 15 years that he has engaged in this line of trade he has become known as one of the leading florists of Southwestern Maine and was widely known in both state and New England florists markets. He was extremely popular with his business associates and the numerous regular patrons of his shop for his upright and fair business principles.

His jovial and congenial disposition and ready courtesies to those seeking his services and advice, made for him the acquaintance of a large circle of friends who will learn of his death with much sorrow.

He took a deep interest in local civic affairs and was always ready to give his services to any projects which might lead to the betterment of conditions of the community. At one period of his younger days he served as an alderman of the Democratic party from Ward 7. He was a member of Dunlap lodge, F. & A. M.; Adah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; Laconia Lodge of Odd Fellows; Evangeline Rebekah Lodge, and the Second Congregational church.

Besides his widow, Gertrude M. Davis, he leaves a son, Carleton F. Davis, who has been associated in business with his father of late; a daughter, Mrs. Eleanor D. Hollis, of Braintree, Mass.; two grandsons, Philip D. and Kenneth A. Hollis, of Braintree, Mass.; a brother, Orison C. Davis of Oak Ridge.

Funeral services will be held at his late home, 231 South street, Tuesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock.



RICIE E. DAVIS

FEBRUARY 9, 1942.

Mrs. E. E. Blake Died Sunday

Was Outstanding In Many Activities

(Contributed)

After the allotted three score years and ten of life in which the bright lights have been loved and joyously shared, and the dark shadows met with unflinching courage, Mrs. Clara S. Blake, widow of Edmund E. Blake, has entered into rest.

It would indeed be a difficult task to say in which of the many fine activities Mrs. Blake's buoyant personality will be most greatly missed, and longest remembered. Ever active in her church work, teacher in the Church school, she won and held the loyal devotion of her classes and will ever be an unforgettable member of the United Baptist church.

Mrs. Blake was a club woman of the highest type. Her broad-minded outlook, her calm, good judgment and her practical advice were often sought by the

SEPTEMBER 6, 1941.

WED 50 YEARS AGO



MR. AND MRS. JUSTUS B. COBB.

Well-known Saco couple who observed their 50th wedding anniversary yesterday.

Bliddeford Journal Photo.

various activities in which she labored.

Always concerned in the Foreign Relations problem. Mrs. Blake was deeply interested in the work of establishing in Biddeford, the International Institute, working also with the Boston Institute when living there for two winters. She never lost her interest in the problem of betterment for those who had come to our shores. Her interest in Y. W. C. A. work in general, and in the York County Y. W. C. A. in particular, as one of the directors, helped found and develop to its present success, Camp Laughing Loon in Waterboro.

A pioneer in the work of the free bed for the Webber hospital, equally zealous for the Public Health Service in Saco, and tireless in Red Cross work—all this she was for her community, while ever at the center of her

being and deepest in her heart was her home and family.

Truly it need only be said, "If we live in the hearts of those we love we never die."

I have kissed young love on the lips,

I have heard his song to the end,

I have struck my hand like a seal

In the loyal hand of a friend.

I have known the peace of Heaven

The comfort of work done well

I have longed for death in darkness and

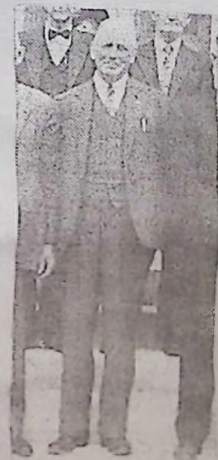
Risen alive out of Hell

Because I have loved Life,

I shall have no sorrow to die.

Mrs. Blake's memory is deeply cherished by her children, Mary and Harold L. Stillman, Malcolm and Constance Blake and Edmund and Harriet Blake, and her six grandchildren. She also will long be lovingly remembered by a host of friends to whom she endeared herself by her unflinching thoughtfulness and cheerful, optimistic spirit.

Services will be held at her late home, 75 North street, Feb. 11, at 1 o'clock. Committal services at 5 p. m., Tuesday, at Newton cemetery, Newton Centre, Mass.



Fred H. Goss, Kittery;

May 26, 1942

Bride-Elect



By Staff Photographer
Marilyn Frances Libby

Mrs. J. Edward Libby of Main Street, Saco, is announcing the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marilyn Frances Libby, to Lendall Smith, son of Mrs. B. A. Smith of Kennebunk. Miss Libby is a graduate of Thornton Academy and the Martha Washington Seminary of Washington, D. C., and is at present employed in the clerical department of the Saco-Lowell shops. Mr. Smith is a graduate of Kennebunk High School and of Bowdoin College and is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. He is manager of the B. A. Smith Co., of Kennebunk. The wedding will take place Friday, June 5, at the First Parish Congregational Church, Main Street, Saco.

Bride In Saco Church Friday



Jackson-White Photo
Mrs. Lendall Aubrey Smith
(Miss Marilyn Frances Libby)

Smith-Libby Wedding Held

Saco Church Scene Of Event

The First Parish Congregational Church at Saco was the scene of the wedding Friday evening of Miss Marilyn Frances Libby, daughter of Mrs. J. Edward Libby of Saco and the late Dr. Libby, and Lendall Aubrey Smith, son of Mrs. B. A. Smith of Kennebunk and the late Mr. Smith. The Rev. Malcolm Garland, assisted by the Rev. J. Wesley Prince of Boston, officiated at the 6.30 o'clock ceremony, and Miss Helen Hill of Saco played the wedding music.

The bride wore her mother's wedding gown of lace over white satin fashioned princess style with a high neckline, elbow-length sleeves, and train. Her full length veil of tulle fell from a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of bridal roses and sweet peas.

Miss Arline Hope Libby of Boston and Saco, who was her sister's maid of honor, was gown in aqua chiffon fashioned with a full skirt, v-shaped neckline, and short sleeves. She wore a matching veil which fell from a cluster of flowers and she carried a bouquet of tulleman roses.

The bridesmaids, who were Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss Esther Mayberry, and Mrs. Charles Fenderson, all of Saco, and Miss Dorothy Garland of Old Orchard, wore gowns of

yellow chiffon fashioned like that of the maid of honor. They also wore matching color veils, which fell from clusters of flowers, and they carried bouquets of sweet peas in the pastel shades.

Richard Hanson of Kennebunk attended Mr. Smith as best man, and in the usher group were Alexander Burr, Jr., Roland Emery, Donald Smith, all of Kennebunk, and Dr. Charles Tuttle of Boston.

Carnations decorated at the church for the ceremony and at the home of the bride's mother, where a reception was held immediately following the ceremony. Mrs. Harry Garland of Saco was in charge of the guest book, and Miss Evelyn Smith of Kennebunk was in charge of the gifts. Mrs. Libby, mother of the bride, wore for the occasion a floor length gown of dusty rose crepe, with which she wore royal blue accessories and a corsage of tulleman roses. Mrs. Smith, the bridegroom's mother, wore a duobonnet crepe floor length gown with which she wore white accessories and a corsage of roses.

Mr. Smith and his bride left on a wedding trip, the bride traveling in a beige ensemble, with which she wore luggage tan accessories. On their return they will reside in Saco.

The bride was graduated from Thornton Academy and from the Martha Washington Seminary at Washington, D. C. She is now employed as a secretary at the Saco-Lowell Shops.

Mr. Libby was graduated from Kennebunk High School and from Bowdoin College where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He is now manager of the B. A. Smith Oil Company at Kennebunk.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1942.

Death Takes Guy E. Durgin Local Attorney

Former Court Recorder

Attorney Guy E. Durgin of 105 Alfred street, well-known practicing attorney of Saco and Biddeford, a former recorder of the Biddeford municipal court and a former city solicitor, died at a local hospital this morning following a brief illness. His age was 52 years, 5 months and 9 days. The news of his death was being learned today by his wide circle of acquaintances in this section of the state with many expressions of sympathy being expressed in the loss of such a highly esteemed friend and interested citizen of the community.

Mr. Durgin was born in East Boston, Mass., the son of George and Emma (Allard) Durgin, but he resided here during the larger part of his life. He studied law in the offices of Cleaves,

Waterhouse and Emery, previous to his being admitted to the York county bar. During the first World War Mr. Durgin left his practice to accept a position in the draftsman department at the Kittery Navy Yard. At the conclusion of the conflict he returned here and reopened his law offices. He served as a recorder of the municipal court both under the late Judge John Snow and former Judge Fillmore P. Harris during a period extending between December, 1926, and the same month in 1934. He held the position of city solicitor during the administration of the late Mayor Ulysses E. Fosdick. For several years during his younger life he was most active in local and county Republican circles. In late years he has been prominently affiliated with the Democratic club of this city. At one period during his younger life he was engaged in a real estate business with Charles Roussin under the name of Roussin and Durgin.

He was most popular with his large circle of acquaintances, always ready to render his services or give advice to those seeking his aid either in a friendly or professional manner. His pleasing personality gained for him many close friends wherever he journeyed. He was a member of Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., York chapter, Bradford Commandery, K. T., Adah chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star, York County Bar association, and the First Universalist church of this city.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel M. Durgin of this city.

Funeral services will be held at his late home, 105 Alfred street Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 16, 1942.

Miss Nellie Berry, Well-Known Local Resident, Dies

Miss Nellie Berry, for many years a highly respected resident of Biddeford and more recently an inmate of the Wardwell Home, Saco, died in that institution Saturday afternoon. Miss Berry was born in Baldwin, June 21, 1858, daughter of Lorenzo and Rebecca (Robinson) Berry. She came to Biddeford when a young woman and was employed in various dry goods stores in this city, among them that of W. E. Youland and J. R. Libby Co, later going to Portland with the latter concern when the store was moved to that city. She is survived by only distant relatives.

For many years Miss Berry was a devoted member of the Second Congregational church in this city, later taking her letter to the First Parish church, Saco, following her removal to that city, being unable, owing to increasing infirmities, to attend services in this city.

Miss Berry exemplified in her life and death, true Christian fortitude and, although confined to her bed 15 months before her death, was never known to complain. Indeed, so well did she show in her living and death the great virtue of cheerfulness that she was known to those about her as "The Happy Woman." Mrs. Fogg, the matron at the Home, spoke feelingly of her patience and courage under what were often trying circumstances.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Wardwell Home Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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AUGUST 21, 1942.

W. W. Brooks Contractor Dies Today

Prominent In Masonic Circles

William W. Brooks of 157 Pleasant street, Saco, widely known local building contractor and carpenter, and for many years active in Saco Masonic circles, died at a local hospital this morning. The news of his death will occasion much sorrow to his many friends in the two cities and neighboring communities, who were unaware of the seriousness of his last illness. His age was 72 years and 11 months.

Mr. Brooks was a native of Nova Scotia, the son of Benjamin and Robie Beals Brooks. He was known as an expert carpenter and builder and his services have been much sought by many of the residents of Saco, Biddeford, and surrounding towns in the erection of some of the best known business blocks and residences. Through his most genial disposition and ever willingness to aid those seeking his advice or assistance, he made a large circle of staunch friends. He was most popular with his business associates and members of the crews which assisted him in his work.

He was a member of Saco lodge F. and A. M., York Chapter, Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star and was an attendant of the Methodist church of Saco.

Besides his wife, Florence M. Brooks, he leaves five brothers, Frank and Harry of Nova Scotia, Avar of Lynn, Mass., Eugene of Exeter, N. H., and Herbert Brooks of York; three sisters, Miss Bertha Brooks and Mrs. Gertrude Morton of Nova Scotia, and Mrs. Blanche Bemis of Waterville; also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MARCH 12, 1942.

Sarah Milliken Died Last Night

Miss Sarah E. Milliken, a life-long, widely known and universally esteemed resident of Saco, died at a local hospital last evening following a lingering illness. Her age was 84 years, 7 months and 8 days.

Born in Saco, the daughter of the late Silas and Ruth McKenney Milliken, deceased made her home at the old family homestead at 188 Beach street.

When health permitted, she was an attendant at the First Parish Congregational church.

Besides a brother, Wilbur H. Milliken, of Saco, and a sister, Mrs. Mary H. Dennett of the same city, she is survived by a half-brother, Edwin H. Milliken of Saco and three half-sisters, Mrs. Alice Bennett of Kennebunk; Mrs. Carrie Allen of Portsmouth, N. H., and Mrs. Charles Warren of Saco.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the late home, 188 Beach street.

BIDDEFORD DAILY JOURNAL, SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 29, 1938.

Those Champs are Here Again



Publication of the above picture a short time ago attracted more interest, it appears, than did any sports picture published in a long time. Few could name all the heroes of the nose-guard days, and several arguments started over who was who in those padded ducks. From left to right they are:

Front row: Carl Libby, Joseph O'Connor, Walter Hamilton, Leslie Dearborn.

Second row: Thomas Judge, Clarence F.

Kendall, George L. Emery, Alfred Waterhouse.

Back row: Albert O. Marcille, W. E. McDonald, William "Winkie" Waterhouse, James A. Andrews, Billy Burnham, W. B. O'Sullivan, Joseph P. Traynor, Harry Gordon.

A few of them have passed on, others are still Saturday night quarterbacks and ready to argue over the merits of the present game over that of their day.

NOVEMBER 30, 1942.

Dr. R. S. Graves, Prominent Physician, Dies

Was In Practice In Saco 60 Years

Dr. Roscoe S. Graves, one of Southwestern Maine's best known and oldest homeopathic physicians, widely known in county and state medical circles during the nearly 60 years that he has practiced his profession in Saco, died at the Trull hospital Sunday following a long illness. His age was 84 years.

Dr. Graves was born at Bowdoin, the son of Dr. Stockbridge P. and Frances E. Graves. He was graduated from Bowdoin college and attended the Maine Medical school. Later he pursued a special course at Cleveland Homeopathic college, from which institution he graduated in 1883. He opened offices in Saco shortly afterwards and continued to practice his profession for many years previous to his retiring because of his failing health. He also became known during his medical

career as an eye and ear specialist, and many local and out-of-town residents sought his services for treatment of eye and ear ailments. During his younger career he was always most faithful to his profession and his patients, always ready to answer to calls during any hour of the day or night, in all kinds of weather, where his services were urgently needed in the two cities and neighboring rural districts. His many acts of mercy in administering to the sick and the aged, his numerous charitable deeds and courtesies which he was always ready to render to those seeking his advice or services, was largely responsible for his being greatly admired and highly respected by his clientele and his wide circle of friends. He was also highly esteemed by all of his medical associates.

He was deeply interested in the daily activities of the community where he resided and was always ready to assist in any movement which might be for the betterment of any existing conditions, especially those pertaining to the youth of the city. He served as official examiner of the blind in Saco for many years. In his passing away the city of Saco has lost one of its most popular citizens, many residents remarked.

During his younger life he was most active in local Masonic circles, being a past commander of Bradford Commandery,

Knights Templar, and highly affiliated with all of the other leading Masonic bodies.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Maude A. Graves, he leaves three sons, Judge Philip E. Graves of the Saco municipal court, John R. Graves, Homestead, Florida, Robert Graves, New York City; two daughters, Mrs. Helen G. Hackler, Miami, Florida, and Mrs. Bernice Richman, Pittstown, Indiana; five grandchildren; a brother, Dr. Frederick T. Graves, Saco, and a sister, Mrs. Margie Ricker, Dover, N. H.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Judge Of Probate Harry B. Ayer Dead

Well-Known Jurist Was Ill Only A Few Days

Harry Bennett Ayer, judge of probate for York county since 1917, died Sunday at a local hospital, following a brief illness. News of the death of Judge Ayer cast a pall of sorrow that extended throughout the state, as he was widely known in legal and fraternal circles and considered one of the leading jurists of the state. Only a few intimate friends were aware that the condition of Judge Ayer was considered critical. He had presided at the last session of probate court in January and had been attending to court business at his office in this city until little more than a week ago.

An outstanding figure in York county for several years, Judge Ayer had been a prominent leader in the Republican party in the county and state, had been ac-



county on the history of the county and the state. He possessed many valuable historical records pertaining to York county towns in the early days and their development. He collected many historical papers of value, and many antiques of worth. He was always generous in allowing the use of these historically valuable documents.

Bar Mourns Death.

Members of the York County Bar association, of which he served as president so many years, expressed profound sorrow upon learning of the death of Judge Ayer. Always helpful and considerate of the young attorneys, he had seen most of the present day bar members begin practice in the county and never failed to render what assistance he could to the young practitioners before his court. He was held in so high esteem by members of the bar that there was seldom any opposition in his own or the Democratic party to his reelection to the office of judge of probate.

Born in Cornish.

Judge Harry Bennett Ayer was born in Cornish, April 14, 1871, son of James C. Ayer, a farmer of Cornish, and Mary A. Bennett, of Parsonsfield. He attended the public schools of his native district, including Cornish High school, and then studied law in the office of the late George F. Clifford. He successfully passed the necessary examinations for admission to the Maine bar in June, 1895, and immediately opened an office for general practice, under his own name, in Westbrook, where he remained for one year.

One year later he removed to South Berwick and formed a partnership with Abner Oakes under the firm name of Oakes and Ayer. Five years later, in 1901, this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Ayer was elected register of probate, succeeding Frank Wilson. He retained that position until 1917 when he was elevated to the bench as Judge of Probate for York county, and that position he had continuously occupied since that time.

Judge Ayer served as an officer of Vose and Sons, piano

manufacturers, a corporation organized here, and took much pride in the fact that the annual meetings of the company were held here.

Saw Court Grow.

During his term of office he displayed in a high degree those judicial qualities which are indispensable on the bench, clear grasp of essential facts of a case, keen discernment of the motives actuating his associations, wide knowledge of the law and a fearless love of justice which insists upon being satisfied at all costs.

A most interesting phase in these early days was that the public terms of court were held only one day each month, and the January and February terms were held at Saco and the March and July terms at Biddeford. In comparison the public terms are now held four days in each month and the remainder of the time is taken up with appealed and contested cases and hearings.

It is a most interesting feature also that one term each year is obliged to be held in the town of York. This procedure has always been carried out.

The probate practice has grown enormously in the past 15 and 20 years, millions of dollars of real and personal property have been probated. At the reorganization of the York Bar Association in 1925, Judge Ayer was elected president and had been reelected to that same office since.

Recognized as Leader.

He had for several years been recognized as one of the leading men of the bench in the state, and he has commanded in a very high degree the respect and esteem of his professional associates.

During the World war he served on various boards and committees and contributed a valuable share to the task of carrying Biddeford "over the top" in its home war work, and he has always been a willing supporter of any project which seemed to him to be well planned for the advancement of general welfare.

Active Fraternally.

Fraternally, he was identified with Greenleaf lodge, No. 117, Free and Accepted Masons, of Cornish; Aurora chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters; Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, and Kora Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He was a past master of his lodge, and well known in Masonic circles. He was also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He was identified with the Kiwanis club, of which he was a past president, of the Sons of the American Revolution, and with numerous other clubs and organizations to the number of about a dozen.

He was a trustee of the New England Society of Antiquities, and a members of the standing committee of the Maine Historical society. He was a past president of Parsonsfield seminary, in which he took much interest and was first president of the Cornish High School Alumni association. Judge Ayer took a great deal of interest in the affairs of the up-county schools and was faithful at reunions of the school organizations.

Judge Ayer was an honorary member of the Saco-Biddeford Kiwanis club.

Leaves Three Brothers.

Judge Harry Ayer was married to Susan Elizabeth Bacon. They resided on Main street in this city for several years, then moved to Saco.

He is survived by three brothers, Fred J. Ayer of Saco, Leon N. Ayer of Cornish and Frank P. Ayer of Bangor, one niece and one nephew.

Funeral Wednesday.

Funeral services for Judge Ayer will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 at the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco.

Friends may call at the funeral home at their convenience at any time after 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

COURT ADJOURNED.

Judge Carroll S. Chaplin of the Probate Court of Cumberland county, who was called to hold the February term of probate court at Biddeford, because of the death of Judge Ayer, directed the court stand adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, out of respect to Judge Ayer.

JUNE 1, 1942.

Mrs. Reta Parcher Well-Known Saco Woman, Dead

Mrs. Reta Proctor Parcher, wife of Carl C. Parcher of 420 Main street, Saco, a resident of that city for over 50 years, prominent as a member and active worker in First Parish Congregational church circles and various ladies' organizations connected with the church, died Sunday at the home of her son, Clifford P. Parcher in West Newton, Mass. Her age was 66 years, one month and 10 days. The news of her sudden death comes with many expressions of sympathy being expressed by her wide circle of local friends to her husband, son and other relatives among which she was held in the highest esteem.

She was born in Beverly, Mass., the daughter of Thomas D. and Emma (Nutter) Proctor. During her younger career she was for several years employed as a member of the tellers' staff at the York National Bank in Saco. She served as secretary of the Mission society of the First Parish church for a long period of time. Mrs. Parcher was greatly devoted to her home and family. Among her wide circle of local acquaintances her death has caused a huge loss to them that will be hard to fill. During her younger life she was active in many of the leading social and literary organizations of the two cities.

Besides her husband and son, Clifford P., she leaves two granddaughters of West Newton, Mass., and a sister, Mrs. Marion P. Russell of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at First Parish Congregational church in Saco Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

ve in fraternal circles, identified with banking in this city and in other activities through the county. Expressions of sorrow came from towns throughout the county Sunday when it became known that the well known county official had died.

Judge Ayer had been quite seriously ill a few years ago and never fully recovered his health, although he had been able to attend to the duties of his office with little interruption. He had, however, been under the care of a physician for some time.

Judge Ayer was honored by being named one of a committee of two of the probate judges of Maine on uniform blanks for probate practice, and previous to the appointment of an assistant attorney general in charge of inheritance taxes in this state was delegated as inheritance tax commissioner.

Versed in History.

A keen student of history, Judge Ayer was considered one of the best versed men in York

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Saco's Tercentenary Program

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June 22 to July 4



JUNE 22—MONDAY 2 P. M.

Thornton Athletic Field
Outdoor Pageantry

JUNE 23—TUESDAY 8 P. M.

City Hall
Indoor Historic Scenes

JUNE 24—WEDNESDAY 12 M.

Old Home Day—Angellmere

JUNE 25—THURSDAY 8 P. M.

Pepperell Park
Masonic Band Concert

JUNE 28—SUNDAY 4 P. M.

Pepperell Park
Outdoor Community Religious
Service

JULY 4—SATURDAY—All day celebra-
tion.

See Inside Schedule for Detailed Information.
July, August Tourists and Guests, Welcome
To Visit Places of Historic Interest.

DOLBY-SMITH WEDDING PARTY

October 9, 1941



Staff Photographer
Lawrence T. Dolby

Special Despatch to The Press Herald



Principals and attendants at the Dolby-Smith nuptials in Saco Wednesday night. Left to right: Marion Holt, maid of honor; Mrs. Lawrence T. Dolby, the bride, (Miss Esther

M. Smith before marriage); Lawrence T. Dolby, the bridegroom; Byron F. Dolby, best man.

Grenadier Hero's Wife In Kittery

Greater Portsmouth popped up with not one but two naval heroes this week.

Following closely on announcement that Daniel L. Zimmer, CTM, USN, whose family lives at 90 Circuit road, Wentworth Acres had been commended for bravery, came word that Henry Orin Whitcomb, electrician's mate first class, USN, also had been commended for meritorious performance of duty in submarine warfare with the Pacific fleet. His wife, Mrs. Phyllis Wilson Whitcomb, lives at 16 Wentworth street, Kittery.

The 26-year-old sailor is attached to the USS Grenadier. He was stationed at the Portsmouth Navy yard for about a year and a half and during that time served on the USS Richmond and the USS Sculpin as well as the Grenadier.

On Duty In Pacific

On duty now in the enemy waters of the Pacific, the young man received the following communication



HENRY ORIN WHITCOMB, USN

from Rear Adm. R. H. English, commander of the Pacific fleet, forwarded by the Grenadier's executive officer, B. L. Carr:

"On the second war patrol con-

ducted by the USS Grenadier, that vessel is credited with having attacked and sunk two enemy vessels of a total tonnage of 24,400 tons. The second war patrol of this vessel lasted 59 days of which a portion was spent in enemy controlled waters against intensive and strong anti-sub surface and air patrols.

"The Grenadier participated also in the engagement of naval forces off Midway Island. Attacks on enemy vessels were aggressively and successfully completed. The conduct of the patrol will serve as an example of skill and success. It may well be followed by other submarine personnel.

"As a member of the crew of the USS Grenadier, your performance of duty was an important and material contribution to the success of this mission. The Commander of Submarines, Pacific fleet, is pleased to commend you on your splendid performance of duty."

Native Of California

Sailor Whitcomb is a native of Oroville, Calif., where his mother, Mrs. Nettie V. Munroe, now lives. He was graduated from the Oroville High school and received his navy training at the San Diego Naval base about five years ago.

Transferred to Portsmouth, he met and married the daughter of Ex-Postmaster and Mrs. Thomas E. Wil-

Miss Libby To Be Bride Of Midshipman

Engagement Made Known

Mrs. J. Edward Libby announced the engagement of her daughter, Arline Hope, to Midshipman Ervin Leonard Welch



ARLINE HOPE LIBBY

son of J. J. Welch and the late Mrs. Welch of Melrose, Mass., Tuesday evening at her home in Saco.

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June 12, 1942

Are Married In Saco



By Staff Photographer

Lawrence T. Dolby, Saco alderman, and Mrs. Dolby (Miss Esther M. Smith), whose wedding took place at the bride's home, Main Street, Saco, Wednesday evening. Mrs. Dolby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith and Dolby is the son of Mrs. Maude Dolby of Dyer Street, Saco. The bride wore a gown of white lace, a finger-tip veil caught with roses and carried a bouquet of deep pink roses. They were attended by Miss Marian Holt and Byron F. Dolby.

NOVEMBER 3, 1942.

Mrs. E. B. Coker, Well-Known Saco Resident, Dies

Mrs. Nellie C. Coker, widow of Elton B. Coker, a widely known and highly respected life-long Saco resident, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. Melbourne Cheney, 338 Main street, Saco, where she has been visiting of late, early Monday evening after a brief illness. Her age was 69 years, four months and 25 days.

Mrs. Coker was the daughter of John and Ruth (Whitehead) Carpenter. She was educated in the Saco schools. She was a woman who was always greatly devoted to her home and family. Her pleasing personality and willingness to be of service to any of her neighbors seeking assistance earned for her many staunch friends. She was an attendant of the United Baptist church of Saco.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. J. Melbourne Cheney, she leaves two sons, Alan W. Coker, now serving in the U. S. navy and Paul Coker of Utica, N. Y.; a grandson; a sister, Mrs. Charles Benjamin of Saco, and two nieces.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JANUARY 4, 1943.

A. E. Tibbetts, Former Saco Druggist, Dies

Was Native Of Lyman

Albert E. Tibbetts, well known local retired druggist, for many years employed as a traveling salesman in this section of New England by pharmaceutical supply concerns, died suddenly late Saturday afternoon at his home, 48 North street, Saco. His age was 77 years, 4 months and 19 days.

Mr. Tibbetts was born in Lyman, son of the late Warren and Mary (Fickett) Tibbetts. He was educated in the schools of that town. During his younger life he was employed by different wholesale drug concerns as a travelling representative, and he held the acquaintance of a large number of many of the present senior members and employees of different pharmacies throughout the state. He conducted the drug store on Main street, Saco, founded by the late Dr. Harry Weymouth, for a period of about 15 years, previous to retiring from active work, owing to failing health in 1937.

He resided in Biddeford or Saco practically all his life, and took a deep interest in the civic affairs of the two communities. He possessed a most jovial disposition which made him popular among his wide circle of acquaintances and business associates. Much sorrow is being expressed by his relatives and intimate friends over his death. During his younger life he was active in the affairs of Dunlap Lodge, F. and A. M., and Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar and other Masonic bodies.

Besides two brothers, George A. of Saco and Clifford A. Tibbetts of Lyman, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Frank Smith and Mrs. Charles N. Goodwin of Lyman.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 30, 1942.

Mrs. A. D. Murphy Well-Known Resident, Dies

Mrs. Leone H. Murphy, wife of Arthur D. Murphy, a well-known and highly-esteemed life-long Biddeford resident, died at her home, 193 South street, Sunday evening. Her age was 76 years, one month and 25 days.

Mrs. Murphy was the daughter of Hiram G. and Clara Jackson Holmes. She was educated in the local public schools and was a member of the class that was graduated from Biddeford high school in 1885.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Myron Savage; two grandsons, Arthur and Calvin Savage, all of Saco; three great-grandchildren, and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held from the home, 193 South street, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

March 6, 1942

W. E. McClintock Dies Suddenly

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Biddeford, March 5 — William E. McClintock, 83, a former member of the Biddeford police department and a member of the Biddeford fire department for 22 years, died suddenly this noon at his home, 94 Middle Street, Saco.

He was born in Calais, the son of Andrew and Mary McClintock. He would have been 84 years old in April. He has resided in either Biddeford or Saco since the age of 10. He was a carpenter in the two cities for several years, retiring from active work a few years ago.

McClintock was a charter member of the old Granite Lodge of Odd Fellows and owned the Laconia Lodge of Odd Fellows when it merged with the Granite. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Flora A. McClintock; one daughter, Mrs. Ruby L. Packard, both of Saco; two grandsons, Fred A. Packard, who is serving in the Philippines, and William D. Packard, of Saco.

Private funeral services will be held at the home at 1.30 p. m. Friends may call at the house between 12 noon and 1 p. m.

December 10, 1939



Mrs.
W. Floyd
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New Officers Of Annette Chapter, OES, Installed At Saco



By Staff Photographer

Annette Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held installation of officers this week at Masonic Hall, Main Street, Saco. The new officers are: Front row, left to right: Edith S. Reny, associate conductress; Mary B. Alexander, treasurer; Stanley Perkins, associate patron; Hazel Beatty, associate matron; Pauline H. Smith, worthy matron; Clarence E. Craig, worthy patron; Isabelle Wilbur, secretary; Louise H. Reed, conductress.

Second row, left to right, Bernice I. Smith, chaplain; Beulah Curtis, substitute marshal; Marianne Holt, warder; Helen Johnson, Electa; Alberta McDonald, Martha; Catherine B. Neilson, Esther; Priscilla L. Warren, Ruth; Norma B. Pollock, Ada; Annie B. Holt, organist, and Carl Iverson, sentinel.

MAY 14, 1942.

P. J. Farley, Local Express Operator, Dead

Was Well-Known Figure In City

Patrick James Farley, owner of Farley's express business and one of the best-known men in the city a veteran of the Biddeford fire department and prominent in local fraternal circles, died last night at a local hospital. Although Mr. Farley had been in failing health for the past few years, his death came quite suddenly last

night. He entered the hospital a few days ago for treatment and while members of the family realized that his condition was serious, they did not feel that it was immediately critical. News of his death caused profound sorrow among a large circle of friends as it became known last night.

Few local residents were better known than Mr. Farley, who has been a familiar figure about the Main street during the 35 years he has been engaged in the express business, which he built up from the horse and wagon stage to quite an extensive business in which he employed several trucks and held valuable contracts with the local industries and the railroad.

Mr. Farley was born in South Boston, Mass., 70 years ago and came to this city 61 years ago. He has since resided in this city.

When nine years old, Mr. Farley entered the Pepperell mills and worked there quite a few years.

He was a member of the fire department about 40 years, during part of which time he was a driver of the horse-drawn apparatus. Many local residents recall the rivalry of those days in getting the apparatus out to fires and a special race staged to determine which of two teams was the fastest, a contest held on Elm street and won by Mr. Farley with a team that was the pride of the department for some time. He had an enviable reputation of a driver and an expert with horses, and could recall many interesting stories concerning quick-hitches in the department and experiences responding to alarms and in connection with some of the big fires of the past. Many who knew him well expressed the opinion that Mr. Farley took more interest in a team of horses than in all the trucks he ever operated.

He continued in the fire department long after the horse-drawn apparatus was discarded

for motor vehicles, and had a splendid reputation as a department member. Several years ago, after the fire in the garage at the corner of South and Green streets an endeavor was made by friends to procure a medal for Mr. Farley for effecting the rescue of a child trapped in the smoke-filled garage by crawling along the floor, after several had failed in rescue efforts. While he was commended for the bravery, it was held that as he was a regular member of the fire department the rescue was something in line of duty and could not be recognized with an award.

Although only of slight build, old-time residents said that Mr. Farley was one of the toughest men physically in the city, recalling several feats of strength he had performed in handling heavy equipment and merchandise in the early years of his engaging in the express business. His friends say that would tackle any job, many of which men much heavier than himself would be unable to handle.

Sports of about every field attracted him and he missed few school or semi-pro games in this vicinity in any sport, and he was a frequent visitor to Boston for sporting events of national interest. He was a dog lover and always owned one or more valuable dogs.

Mr. Farley was one of the most active members of Biddeford council, Knights of Columbus, and a member of the fourth degree assembly of the order. He has done much valuable work for the local council since becoming a member and while often requested to accept office, would accept but minor offices in the order. Few members affiliated with the local council have been more interested and given more time to the society than Mr. Farley, and in these circles he will be greatly missed. He was well known through the Knights of Columbus circles in the state. He was also interested in the Holy Name society of St. Marys parish and Division 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians.

A man of congenial personality, generous and always willing to aid anyone in need, freely offering his services in any way he could be of assistance, Mr. Farley was probably one of the best known residents of the city and had a legion of friends.

He was "Pete" or "Jim" Farley to about everyone who knew him, and quite a few are going to greatly miss the genial expressman. His health has not

permitted him to be as active in the business for the past few years as in the past, but he always felt that his presence was necessary and up to within a few days of his last illness he insisted upon coming to the business section to attend to matters connected with the business.

A few months ago, Mr. Farley was critically ill for several weeks but appeared to be gaining strength gradually. He went through two serious accidents in recent years in which he was struck by automobiles and sustained quite severe injuries.

He leaves three sons, Peter J., Thomas and John, all of this city; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Murrey and Mrs. Henry Jordan of Jamaica Plain, Mass., and Mrs. Merrill Morgan of Roslindale, Mass., and Mrs. Ernest Caldwell of Augusta; a brother, John, and a sister, Mrs. William Dun, the latter of Old Orchard Beach, formerly of this city; also 18 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

The body was taken to the home at 322 Elm street. Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at St. Marys church.

Holy Name Society.

Members of the Holy Name society will meet at 7.30 Friday evening at the Farley home on Elm street, where prayers will be conducted by the chaplain of the society. All members of the society are to attend.



PATRICK J. FARLEY.

June 13, 1941



Leon M. Ayer, Cornish.

START OF SACO CAMPAIGN



Bernard Brown, Saco chairman, and Miss Florence Dolby, co-chairman for Saco, getting the signature of Mayor Gerry B. Nutting to inaugurate the Pledge Card Campaign in the drive to boost War Bond sales in Saco. They will start Monday to cover the entire city of Saco. A corps of volunteer workers hopes to sign every citizen of Saco in the drive.

AUGUST 31, 1942.

Prominent Saco Woman Dies Sunday

Mrs. E. Scammon Ill Long Time

Mrs. Edna C. Scammon, of the Ferry road, Saco, proprietress of Scammon's confectionery and periodical store at the corner of Elm and Temple streets, Saco, one of the best known business women of the two cities, died late Sunday evening, following a lengthy illness. Although she had been in failing health for some time and forced to submit to several operations and undergo lengthy periods of hospital treatment, she had borne her suffering with much fortitude which gained for her the admiration of her wide circle of friends and numerous relatives. The news of her passing away will occasion much sorrow for members of the bereaved family and her intimate acquaintances among whom she was most popular. Her age was 44 years.

Mrs. Scammon was born in Saco, the daughter of William S. and Lydia Allen Thompson. She was educated in the Saco schools and was graduated from Thornton academy. After graduation she was employed for several years in a clerical position at the offices of the York Manufacturing company. During the past 10 years, which she had operated the ice cream, candy and periodical

store bearing her name at the corner of Elm and Temple streets, Saco, she made the acquaintance of a large circle of friends among the regular patrons of the shop through her pleasing personality and upright business principles.

Her place of business was a popular meeting place for Thornton academy students and pupils of the high grammar school grades who resided in that section of the city.

She took a deep interest in all movements sponsored in the interest of the youth of the community, and was always willing to lend her aid with substantial contributions for any project which might be for the betterment of youth activities. The younger residents of the city and her business associates who visited the store regularly held her in the highest of esteem and many expressions of sympathy are being made from these groups in the passing away of such a highly valued friend.

She was a great lover of garden flowers and dogs. Her beautiful garden at her home on the Ferry road was greatly admired by those visiting it and by motorists passing regularly by the Scammon home. She was an active member of the Second Parish Unitarian church, the Unitarian Women's Alliance and other ladies' organizations connected with the parish. Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star; Thornton Academy Alumni Association, and several well-known social and literary organizations.

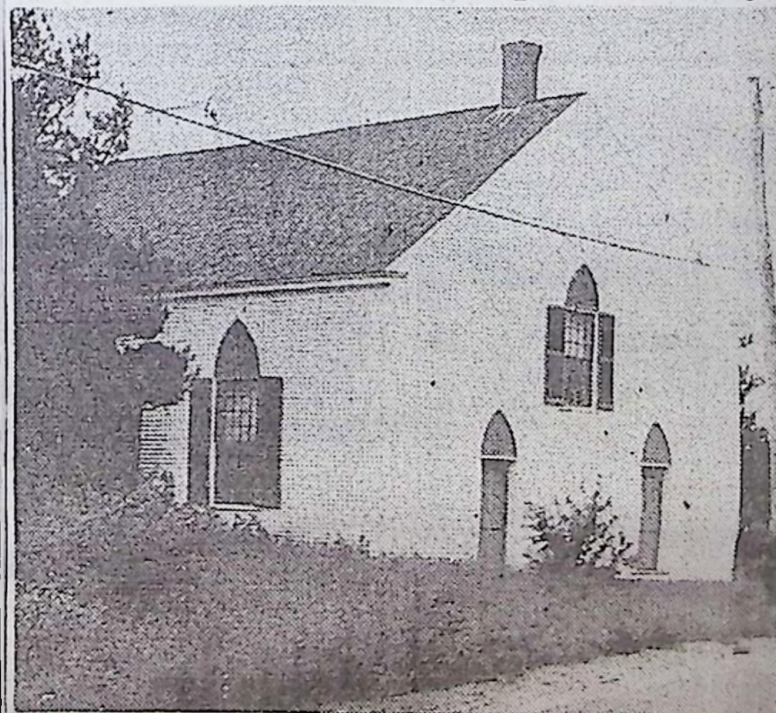
Besides her mother, Mrs. Lydia A. Thompson, she leaves a sister, Mrs. Lester Rumery, and a brother, Walter A. Thompson, all of Saco; two aunts, Mrs. Cora Farnsworth of Camden and Mrs. Agnes Armstrong of Saco; two

nieces, a nephew and several cousins.

The funeral will be held at her home on the Ferry road, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—Portland, Maine—August 2, 1942

Old White Church Opens Today



By Staff Photographer.

The old White Church of Biddeford, First Congregational, built about 200 years ago on the Pool Road and attended by many of the famed Yankee seamen of early clipper ship trade days, before the Biddeford population center moved nearer "the Falls" and the industrial era began—bringing with it the construction of another church, the Second Congregational, in the city proper.

For many years the old church has been opened annually by the group which lovingly keep it in excellent repair. This year's annual service, open to visitors, will be held today. The Rev. John Hutchinson Hyde of Biddeford will preach.

SEPTEMBER 11, 1942.

Geo. L. Mahoney Prominent Saco Resident, Dies

Was Well-Known As Florist

George L. Mahoney, retired florist and nurseryman of Saco, died this morning after a long illness. His age was 80 years, 10 months and 15 days. With his brother, James, he conducted greenhouses on Beach street, Saco, near Laurel Hill cemetery, for several years. He was prominent in New England florist's circles, being for years one of the outstanding men in this business.

He was born in Saco, son of Daniel and Mary (McNutt) Mahoney. Although not identified with any organizations, nor active politically in the city, he was known and held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in Saco and vicinity.

He leaves his wife, Lizzie S. Mahoney, two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Weymouth of Saco and Mrs. Fanny Sawyer of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two nephews, Paul D. Brook of Massachusetts, and Edward K. Weymouth, Saco; three nieces, Mrs. Arthur Seavey and Mrs. Maurice Fournival, both of Candia, N. H., and Mrs. Edward T. Hyde, of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the home on Beach street, Saco, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

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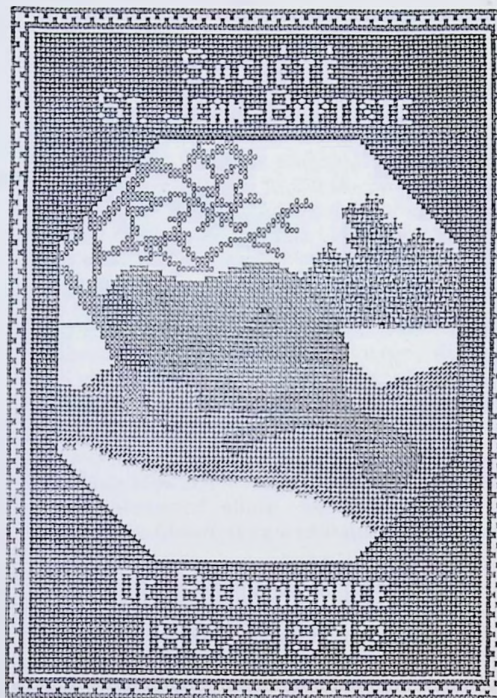
ST. JEAN BAPTISTE SOCIETY AT 75th MILESTONE

*Has Been a Factor for Good
in Biddeford*

This year the St. Jean Baptiste Benevolent Society of Biddeford celebrates the 75th anniversary of its founding. *The Sheet* takes pride in presenting a brief historical review of the Society which has a number of its members as employees of Pepperell.

Before relating the events that have taken place during the period of the Society's existence, it might be well to tell a few facts prior to the birth of the Society which relates to the founding of this French-Canadian group. Of the 417 French colonists emigrating to Canada between the years of 1615 to 1660, 125 came from Normandie, 57 from la Perche, 34 from le Poitou, 27 from l'Aunis and the remainder from l'Île de France, l'Anjou, la Saintonge and other French provinces; so that practically all of France was represented in the Canadian population, who then were known as the French Canadians. From these and other emigrants who went to Canada in succeeding years, rose the young Canadian French nation which today totals 6,000,000 descendants in North America.

By the records of the City of Biddeford, we note that this city shared its part in the French Canadian emigrants who migrated mostly from the towns of Beauce, Sorel, St. David, Trois Rivières, Yamachiche, Bellechasse and Sherbrook (often called "La Reine des Cantons de l'Est", meaning The Queen of Eastern Township). But these people were many miles from their homeland and they longed for their quiet simple homes, and loved ones, and being deprived of family joys and comforts, they conceived the idea of forming a large family group among themselves and to share in the community's simple but legitimate pleasures of long and familiar evening chats. So we see the Canadians of Biddeford resolved to found a Society and group themselves under its brotherly laws, so convinced were these people of the advantages of closer association.



Typograph By J. Belanger

The Society was organized to assume its triple mission of welfare, protection and security to the families of the members, and on July 15, 1867, was founded the "Société St. Jean Baptiste de Bien-faisance" at Biddeford, adopting the motto, Religion, Nationality, Union and Charity. The first officers and members of the Society were the following:

President, Henry Lord.
Vice President, Alphonse Dion.
Secretary, Alphonse Pare.
Corresponding Secretary, Joseph Parent.
Treasurer, Pierre Mercille.
Commissioner, Octave Dubois.

Directors

Charles Pellerin Onsimé Côté
R. Provencher P. V. Labonté
Jean Morelle

Members

Lambert Dion Martin Fitzgerald
Frank Bertrand Isaac Dubois
Pierre Loiselle Pierre Simard
Xavier Guertin Wilfred Parent
Michel Guimond Joseph Turgeon

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On the left is Henry I. Lord, first president of the Society and on the right is Jos. Arthur Boissonneault, present president.

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At that time the Canadian population of Biddeford numbered 1250 and at Saco there were 200. Illuminated by strength of sincere conviction, perseverance, will power and an undaunted spirit of sacrifice, they fought, resisted, and scattered the seeds of their valor and patriotism. A hall was put at the disposal of the Society through the generosity of the pastor, Reverend Father Ponsardin who released French books, reviews and subscribed to periodicals from Canada at his own expense. In return he asked the members of the association to accept the advice of the clergy for certain regulations and amendments necessary to its perfect functioning.

Financial Aid to Church

The first anniversary of the society was celebrated on June 24, 1868, with pomp and a slight tone of public rejoicing. The members assisted holy mass in the morning and at a banquet in the evening at Fenians Hall, distinguished orators rendered patriotic addresses followed by musical selections and national songs. Another report notes a celebration for the society at which time the President, H. I. Lord contacted Mr. Lane, proprietor of the Ferry House at Ferry Beach with Mr. Lane favoring the members by letting them have the house provided they pay the small expense involved and the members in turn were served a delicious clam chowder at the proprietor's expense.

At that time there was no parish church, just a temporary abode where the parishioners had their religious offices performed; but the St. John Society story would be incomplete if we did not mention its sublime role in large financial contributions it gave from time to time in the establishment and erection of the St. Joseph parish church situated on Elm Street at Biddeford.

Through economy and intelligent administrative abilities, the society was able to accumulate funds so that by 1894 the members formulated the idea of erecting a building of their own, that it might serve as a meeting place as well as a monument for the Canadian posterity. Members selected a committee to discuss the matter and this committee was composed of Edmond Bergeron, Dr. Narcisse Thivierge, Eugene Belanger, Phillippe Masse, Alphonse Menard and Joseph Bourque. Findings of the committee resulted in the purchase from James W. Dresser, for the sum of \$7,350 the present lot where the St. John building now stands at the corner of Main and Elm streets. The house, of wooden construction, then on the property was the residence of Dr. Laroque, but immediately purchased by Dr. Narcisse Thivierge and moved on Kossuth street, where it is now located. This old dwelling has remained the property of the Thivierge's since 1895, and to this day it is the home of the Misses Thivierge. The exterior has seen much remodeling, but the interior retains the touch of the colonial era.

(NOTE: *The Sheet* takes this opportunity in thanking Miss Helen Thivierge, who resides in this home mentioned above, for furnishing us with much of the historical data contained in this article.)

An elaborate program had been prepared to celebrate the diamond jubilee this month but was cancelled to cooperate with the National war effort. Speakers from New York and several provinces in Canada had been invited and accepted but reluctantly they were forced to withdraw in order to cooperate with the present emergency. However the local group will prepare a program suitable for the occasion and it will be celebrated within their own group.



It was in this home that the first meeting and the formation of the Society took place. At that time it was located at the corner of Elm and Main streets and moved to its present location on Kossuth street. It is now occupied by Miss Helen Thivierge who greatly aided in preparing this story.

JANUARY 28, 1943.

Phineas Kelly, Well-Known Saco Resident, Dies

In Business Many Years

Phineas Kelly, prominent life-long Saco resident and retired variety store merchant, for many years actively affiliated with the Democratic party of that city, died at his home, 253 Main street, Wednesday, after a long illness. He would have attained the age of 90 years had he lived until the seventh day of March.

Mr. Kelly, born in Saco, was educated in the public schools of the community. For over a period of 50 years, he conducted a variety store, one of the first of its kind in the two cities, at different locations on Main street, Saco, previous to disposing of the place about 10 years ago and retiring from active work. During his younger career, he was an active member and worker of the Saco Democratic party. He served as a chairman and member of the Saco board of registration, and was also a former member of the board of assessors of that city. He was highly respected by his former business associates and patrons of his stores for his upright business principles. He was a member of the United Baptist church of Saco and was deeply interested in the activities of the parish. He was not affiliated with any fraternal organizations.

Surviving him are his son, Ralph L. Kelly of Waltham, Mass., and three sisters, Mrs. Frank L. Northrop, Saco, Mrs. Charles L. Brown, Northboro, Mass., and Mrs. Irving C. Hill, Mendon, Mass., also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Friends are asked to omit flowers.

January 14, 1943



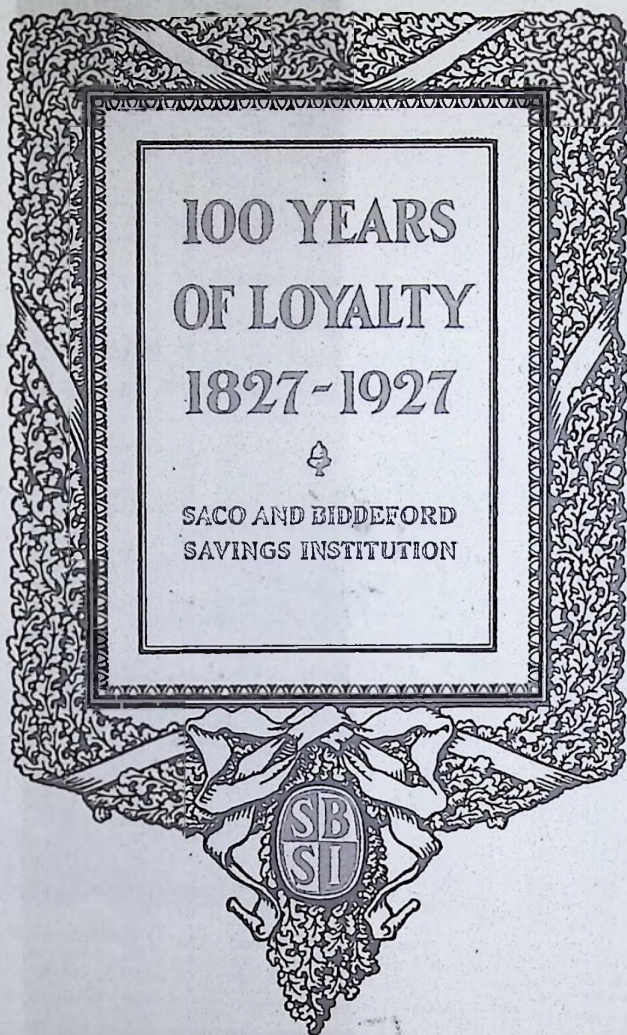
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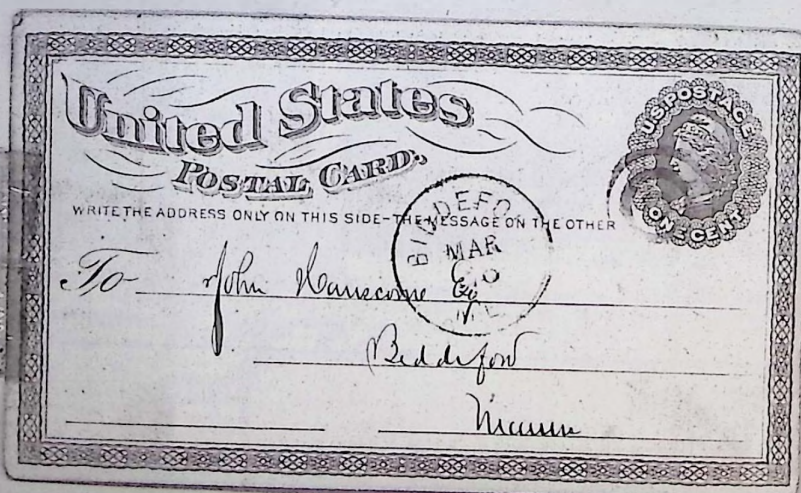
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Press Herald, March 29, 1942



Mrs. Laurence S. Garland (lower right) of Saco, is chairman for the organization of Red Cross training classes for Civilian Defense in Saco, and is assisted by Mrs. J. E. Berry, Mrs. Charles Fenderson, Mrs. Leonard Davis, and Miss Sara Emmons, all of Saco. (Photo by Roger Paul Jordan.)



A DAY AT THE CLINIC

OCTOBER, 1942

Here is a Typical Day in the
Life of Miss Reinette Lamothe
Registered Nurse and Techni-
cian at the Biddeford Clinic



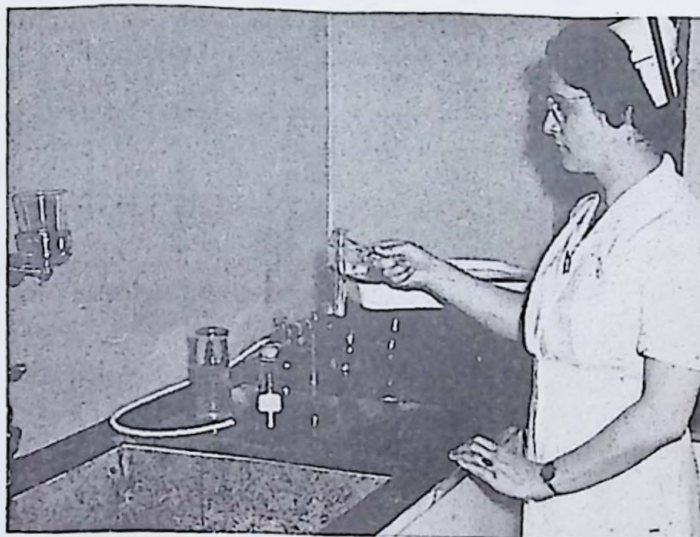
1. Registered nurse Miss Lamothe rises at 6 A.M. each day to be at her duties at 7, the same as all other employees on the first shift. Follow these pictures to see what she does during the day.



2. The first of her many daily duties is to sit down with the plant physician, Dr. Clarence Thompson, and check over the previous day's records and outline the work for the coming day.



3. The Kahn blood test ascertains whether the blood is negative or positive for syphilis, a delicate test requiring great training.



4. Testing the urine for sugar albumin, etc. If anything abnormal is found it is reported to the doctor in charge and he follows through with a more thorough examination of the patient.



5. A microscopic examination to determine the amount of red and white corpuscles in the blood. The normal red cell count in the average person is between $4\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 million.

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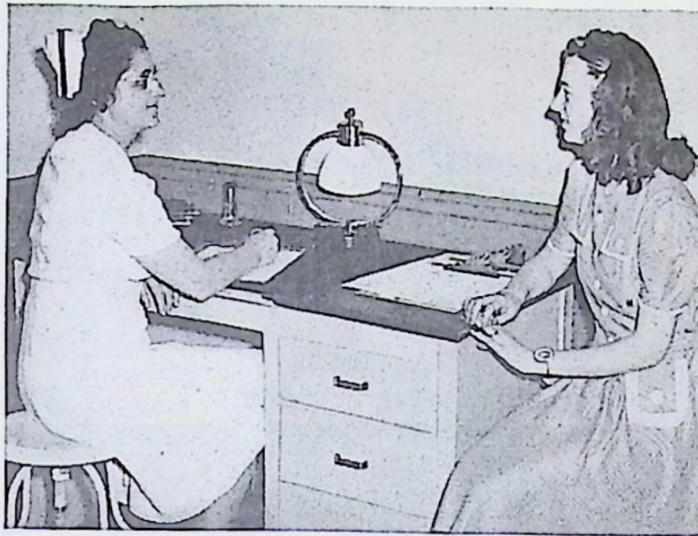
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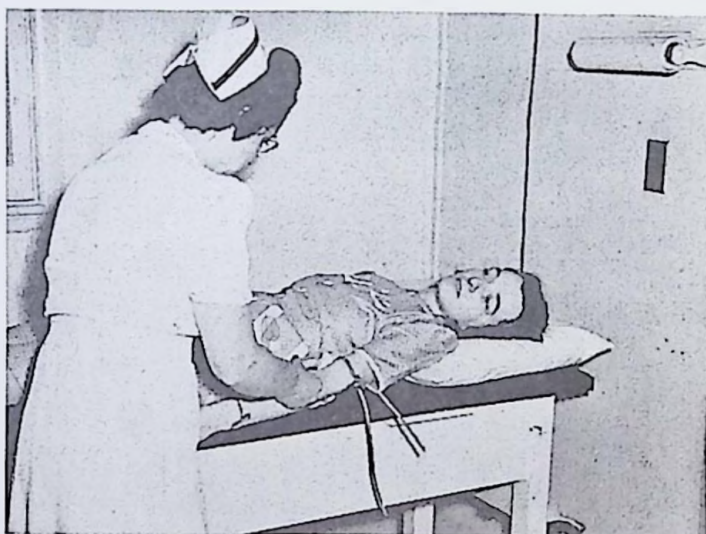
6. Determining and recording the blood pressure of an employee. If anything unusual is found the employee is advised to see his own doctor.



9. New employees give their name, age, address, previous illnesses, etc., for a complete medical record is kept of each person.



7. Here Miss Lamothe soaks a patient's arm in an arm bath, a receptacle specially designed to keep the healing solution at a constant temperature for some length of time.



10. Right in line with many other large industries, all new employees at Pepperell are required to have a Kahn, or blood test for syphilis. Of course, only a very small amount of blood is required.



8. This employee hurt his arm and has returned for a change of dressing. Any employee who receives an injury should report to the Clinic At Once. Failure to do so may result in a serious infection.



11. Your nurse is shown leaving the plant after an ordinary, busy day. Tired? Sure, but not too tired to attend a meeting of the Red Cross Motor Corps Unit for Civilian Defense!

Friday Morning, September 11, 1942

Joseph E. Perry Dies Suddenly At Pro-Amateur Golf Tourney

Was Secretary Of Maine Professionals

Joseph E. Perry, 51, of Pine Point, prominent in Masonic organizations and two seasons secretary of the Maine Professional Golf Association, collapsed and died in the Riverside Golf Club Thursday afternoon as he was conducting a pro-amateur golf tournament preliminary to the Maine open championship at the club today.

Dr. Forrest C. Tyson of Augusta, one of the tournament competitors, was of the opinion that death occurred from a cerebral hemorrhage with heart disease as a contributing factor.

Perry arrived at the club about noon, ate a light lunch with some of the competitors and began conducting the tournament, as he has such tournaments the past two Summers. He left the scoreboard, went to the lockerroom, was stricken and died within a few minutes before help could be summoned. Dr. Tyson, called from the course was of the opinion

stalled Orchard Lodge's officers Monday night.

He was past high priest of York Chapter, RAM, of Saco, past worthy patron of Minnwanca Chapter, OES, of Old Orchard Beach, and was a member of Biddeford Commandery, Kora Shrine, and the Consistory. He was vice chairman of the Maine chapter of the American Society of Tool Engineers, a member of the Biddeford Kiwanis Club and an honorary member of the Portland Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the Aircraft Warning Service and an auxiliary policeman in Civilian Defense at Scarborough.

A member of the Willowdale Golf Club and an amateur player of average ability himself, he took great interest in state tournament play and followed state meets ardently for some time before he became connected with the game officially. Besides his post in the Maine PGA, he was on the Executive Committee of the Maine State Golf Association amateur golf-governing body.

Besides his mother, of Westbrook, he is survived by his widow, the former Miss Lucy Leavitt, to whom he was married in 1926, and two daughters, Joan, a pupil in Thornton Academy, Saco, and Jean, all of Pine Point, three brothers, Ovide, Fred and Francis, and a sister, Mrs. Ulysses York, all of Westbrook.



Joseph E. Perry

the attack would have been fatal anyway.

Perry was seriously ill with a cold last Spring and since then had been in a physician's care for a possible heart condition. At Riverside Thursday he said he had had a great deal of difficulty walking recently and close friends noticed that he appeared not to be in the best physical condition. However, he made no complaint of feeling ill as he took up his tournament duties.

Perry was born at Westbrook, Sept. 22, 1891, son of the late Benjamin and Mrs. Roseanna Perry. He was educated there, worked for a time in Portland, then lived and worked three years, 1922 to 1925, in Detroit, after which he went to Pine Point. He since had resided there.

For 10 years he had been a manufacturers' representative, traveling throughout Maine. Recently his work had consisted entirely of dealing with war materials. Previously he had been a garage mechanic and had sold insurance.

He joined the Masonic Blue Lodge when he was in Detroit, and belonged to Orchard Lodge, Old Orchard Beach, of which he was a past worshipful master. He was to have in-

January 3, 1943



SACO BRIDE—Mrs. George Merrill Thomas, 2nd (Miss Mary Lillian Emmons), whose wedding took place Wednesday afternoon in the Second Unitarian Church, Saco. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Harold

L. Emmons of Spring Street, Saco. She was graduated from Thornton Academy, attended Arnold College in New Haven, Conn., and the Portland School of Commerce. Lieut. Thomas, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Thomas of Rumford, is a graduate of the University of Maine, and received his master's degree from Boston University.

Portland Press Herald,

Wednesday February 3, 1943—

Plan Reception For OES Officers

Special Despatch to The Press Herald

Saco, Feb. 2—A reception for the new officers of the Annette Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at the Masonic Hall, Main Street, Thursday evening. Following a business meeting with the new officers in charge, dancing and card playing will be enjoyed.

New officers of the order are: Worthy matron, Louise Reed; worthy patron, Howard McDonald; associate matron, Edith Remy; associate patron, Joseph Stirling; secretary, Isabelle Wilbur; treasurer, Pauline Smith; conductress, Bernice Smith; associate conductress, Virginia Strombom; finance committee, Myron Savage, Sarah Doe and Angellina Craig.

Refreshments will be served by Mrs. Katherine Stacy, chairman, Mrs. Lillian Allen, Mrs. Hazel Beety, Mrs. Esther Booth, Roger Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Boothby, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burnham, Mrs. Elizabeth Black, Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Burrell and Arthur W. Andrews.

Portland Press Herald, Wednesday Morning, April 22, 1942

Officers Of Saco Parent-Teacher Group



By Staff Photographer

Officers of the newly organized Saco Parent-Teacher Association. Left to right: Mrs. Clarence Kennedy, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Paul A. Morin, vice president; Mrs. George D. Love, president; and Mrs. James S. Ward, Jr., recording secretary.

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84 MAIN STREET.

November 9, 1942



By Staff Photographer

SELL WAR STAMPS—Miss Jane Walker, left, and Raymond Biggar, in charge of war stamp sales at the Burns Grammar School at Saco. The poster in the picture was made to boost stamp sales in the seventh grade room of Miss Estella Morse.

DECEMBER 8, 1942.

Fred Thompson Dies In Service On West Coast

Was Serving At Air Corps Base

Many residents and business men of the two cities were deeply shocked and much sympathy was expressed for members of the bereaved family in learning of the death of Staff Sergeant Fred N. Thompson, U. S. Air Corps, aged 45, a resident of 256 Alfred street, which occurred at the U. S. Air Base at Yakima, Washington, Monday. No details of the sudden death of Mr. Thompson, for several years one of Maine's most prominent and largest retail gasoline and fuel oil distributors, was received by members of his family who were informed of his death by a telegram received here Monday evening.

Mr. Thompson, a veteran of the first World War with the rank of

sergeant, enlisted in the Air Corps last January and shortly after was assigned to the U. S. Air Base at Yakima in Washington. He was promoted to the rank of a staff sergeant. He visited his family and other relatives here during the latter part of October and appeared to be in the best of health and was greatly pleased with the opportunity given him of reenlisting his services for the second time that his country was at war with foreign powers.

Air Corps.

During his visit here Mr. Thompson informed relatives that he was connected with the 358th Headquarters Squadron of the U. S. Air Corps at Yakima and that his duties had largely been confined to acting as an instructor for classes of 500 or more men who were members of the ground crew forces at the air base. He was greatly interested in his work and was looking forward to an early return home to his family at the conclusion of the present conflict after completing his duties.

Staff Sergeant Fred N. Thompson was born in this city, son of Erastus H. and Martha C. Thompson. His early education was received in the public schools of this city. When a young man he assisted his father in the express and passenger transpor-

tation business which he conducted between the two cities and Biddeford Pool. Later he accepted a position as a driver of the fleet of delivery trucks operated in connection with the local offices of the Standard Oil company of N. Y. After working for that concern for several months he resigned his position and went to Rhode Island to accept a more lucrative position.

First World War.

At the outbreak of the first World War, he enlisted in the Rhode Island state militia and served in the quartermaster's division in different camps in the eastern section of the country during that conflict. At the close of the war he returned to this city and operated a gasoline filling and service station at the corner of Elm and St. Marys street and later in connection with this business started the retail distribution of fuel oil in this section of the county with a fleet of large tank trucks. Within a short time he became the largest individual gasoline and fuel oil dealer in the two cities and one of the outstanding in retail production in the county. Within a short time his business developed to such an extent that he opened an additional station associated with his brother, Warren Thompson, on Alfred street and erected large fuel oil storage tanks on upper Main street, near the Main street crossing of the Eastern Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad Co. About three years ago he disposed of the Alfred street filling station and later leased the service station founded on Elm street to the Shell Oil company of Portland, retaining only his fuel oil business, which he still retained with the assistance of his wife and family members with headquarters located at 138½ Elm street.

Possessing a genial disposition, which earned for him many new friends wherever he journeyed, and his ever-willingness to be of assistance to others seeking his aid, he made a host of steadfast friends. His numerous kind and charitable deeds will be long remembered by those benefiting by them. His chief hobbies were hunting and fishing and on different occasions he enjoyed hunting and fishing trips to different points in the state. He was a great lover of horses and dogs and also was known as one of the community's outstanding athletic and boxing fans who journeyed to distant points in this country to witness major sporting events. He was most popular among his employes and business associates.

Fraternal Orders.

He was a most active member for many years of Biddeford and Saco Lodge, No. 1597, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Dunlap Lodge, F. & A. M., and Biddeford Aerie of Eagles, No. 804, Philip Tighe post of the American Legion, other veteran organizations and several fuel oil and gasoline dealers' associations in this state and other parts of the country.

Besides his wife, Leona T. Thompson, he leaves four sons, James, a member of the U. S. Marine corps, now on foreign duty; Rodney, Harry and Raymond Thompson of this city; three brothers, Edward C., Warren C. and Herbert W. Thompson, all of this city; a sister, Miss Amy Thompson, a member of the faculty of the Rhode Island State college, Providence, R. I.; a half-brother, Walter Thompson of Mi-

ami, Fla., and a half-sister, Mrs. Sadie Dillon of Boston, also a grandson.

The body is to be forwarded to this city accompanied by an honor military guard. Announcement of the funeral services will be made later.

NOVEMBER 9, 1942.

Saco-Lowell Official Dies Suddenly

M. Everett Ridlon Stricken Sunday

M. Everett Ridlon, life-long resident of Saco and well-known official of the Saco-Lowell Shops, died suddenly Sunday evening in Springvale en route home by automobile from visiting relatives in Miltons Mills, N. H. His age was 60 years, one month and 17 days.

Mr. Ridlon was born in Saco, son of Melville and Nancy Jane (Earl) Ridlon. He was educated in Saco and when quite young entered the employ of the Saco-Lowell Shops, advancing to purchasing agent of the corporation, a position in which he served several years. He was well known in the textile machine industry.

Mr. Ridlon was president of the Laurel Hill Cemetery Association of Saco.

An active member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club, and a member of the old Wheelmen's society, Mr. Ridlon was also active in several other circles in Saco, and was held in high esteem by a host of friends. At the Saco-Lowell plant he made many friends during the several years he had been connected with the company.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Ethel Ridlon, a son, Harold M. Ridlon of Cleveland, Ohio, a sister, Mrs. Albert E. Chase, and two grandchildren, Mary Elizabeth and John Melville Ridlon.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon from the home, 79 Temple street, Saco.

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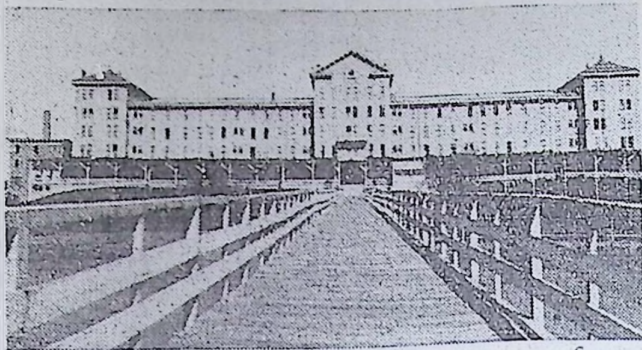
Mrs. Chas. Shorey, Former Saco Resident, Dies

Mrs. Henrietta Shorey, widow of Charles Shorey, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Peyzer, died November 6, in Turner, according to information received here. Her age was about 75 years.

She leaves four children, Henry, who is serving in the U. S. air force, Lawrence, serving in the U. S. navy, Elmer, of Newport and Mrs. Mary Churchill of Turner. Mrs. Shorey was a former resident of Saco, and was a member of the First Universalist church of this city, known to many of the older residents. She had resided in Turner for the past 40 years.

Funeral services were held Sunday at Turner.

Old Orchard House Now Being Razed Was Center Of Gay Life



With the tearing down of the Old Orchard House goes one of Old Orchard Beach's old landmarks. To the "natives" this razing of the last of the larger hotels of the period of "before the big fire" is viewed with great regret and even the shedding of a few tears. To these older residents the Old Orchard House is not only a building, but a tradition. With its demolition they feel that the town is losing much of prestige and dignity and gracious living.

Historical sketches of Old Orchard tell of the wonderful air to be found here with its health giving properties derived from the ocean and the pine trees as well as the invigorating effects of the ocean bathing and the delight of walking along the smooth sandy beach as being important factors in bringing people here in the early days before hotels were even thought of.

Took Boarders.

Ebenezer C. Staples, who built the Old Orchard House, began his career by taking a few boarders at the family home, and gradually adding to it, until he changed the name of the Staples cottage to the Old Orchard House. This was burned in 1875 and the following year the present Old Orchard House was built by Mr. Staples. His son, Henry, who was manager of the hotel, it is said, selected personally every piece of lumber that was used in the construction of the building, and it was his proud boast that there was not a single knot in the entire building.

Upon the death of Ebenezer Staples, his son, Henry, succeeded him as proprietor of the Old Orchard House, and his fame as a hotel man was as widespread as that of the hotel itself.

In its earlier days it was truly said that the Old Orchard House

was the resort of wealth and fashion. Many of the guests had their horses and carriages brought here for their use during the season and they were kept at the stables back of C. Fayette Staples' residence, now owned by Postmaster J. H. McSweeney.

Board Walk.

The Old Orchard House bathhouse for the exclusive use of the guests and the board walk which extended from the hotel through the field to the depot added to the glamor of the hotel.

The gay life at the hotel, with dancing every night after supper,

and the promenading of the guests down to the station; the balls at which the guests appeared in full dress were symbols of romance and enchantment.

Many of the present more or less sedate and dignified residents recall the thrill experienced when, as children, gazing through the veranda windows at the ladies in their elegant costumes, and gentlemen, in full dress, dancing the waltz, two-step and schottische, then the dances in vogue.

As automobiles increased in number and travel from place to place was facilitated, the guests stayed for shorter periods. The patronage of the Old Orchard House like that of other large hotels declined.

Tear Down Building.

Several weeks ago the doors and plumbing fixtures and blinds and practically everything inside the house was gradually removed and sold or taken away and now the tearing down of the building is being speeded up.

Regrets are futile. The day of

the larger summer hotels is apparently on the wane, however much the condition may be deplored. Whether from the chaotic existence of today shall emerge a return to a more gracious way of living only time can tell.

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SPARKS.

Noyes '88, is studying short-hand and type-writing.

The latest mystery is, how did that plank walk come there?

The ball club are thinking of joining the Maine State High School League.

Lane thinks that "girls are always various and mute." This is not in harmony with the prevailing idea of them.

It is getting about time to shed your overshoes. Ours, slightly damaged by water, are now offered for sale cheap.

Webber and Bryant, '90, have been elected by the ball club, change battery, and are now undergoing a rigid test on the common.

Owing to a special contract with Uncle Sam, we are now able to deliver the GRINDSTONE by mail to subscribers without extra cost. Now is the time to subscribe.

At a meeting of the High School Tennis Club, on Monday the 19th., three new members were elected, namely: Andrews '87, Nickerson '88, and Noyes '88. It was voted to allow no one to join who does not possess a racket. Look out, Simpson!

Also to allow girls to join by paying the yearly dues, 25 cts., only.

We wish to remove the *Biddeford Daily Times* from our exchange list, on account of the wrong we received from that paper concerning one of our editorials. We are not acquainted with "O. T. G.," whom the *Times* mentions, neither are we going to hide our editorial heads by signing false initials to our small thoughts.

Below we give the new fields of labor entered upon by those who have been snatched from our midst by the whirl of this busy world.

Our friend Emmons '88, the enterprising poultry dealer, has decided to give his whole attention to his immense business.

"Farmer" Deering '90, is now rustivating in the rural districts among heifers, hogs and hoes.

"Guv'nor" Pray '90, has been engaged on Elm Farm as manager—of the hens and roosters.

"Tiptoe" Andrews, while performing his duties as chief decorator and designer in the Unitarian Church for Easter Sunday, became infatuated with Nature's beautiful agricultural productions, and soon afterwards announced his intention of attending the Maine State Agricultural College at Orono.

NAVY DAY AT ROT ARY CLUB WEDNESDAY



At a meeting of Biddeford and Saco Rotary club Wednesday: Seated, left to right: Joseph T. Sayward, Kennebunk; Thomas L. Coates, E. R. Rogers, President Ben Shaw and Fred Lord. Standing: Lieut. John C. Gaking, officer in charge of the United

States recruiting station at Portland; Lieut. George D. Polley, with the U. S. Army unit stationed in Saco; Hank Anderson and John F. Corcoran, yeomen, attached to the Portland recruiting center.

NOVEMBER 7, 1942.

Memory Picture Of Judge Edwin J. Cram From Old Directory

"A stern but kindly face, and mannerisms that lent dignity to the office to which he was appointed;" that is the memory picture given to the Old Directory detailer of Edwin J. Cram, judge of Biddeford municipal court in 1892.

Fifty years ago, scarcity of lucid accounts of big city municipal and superior court cases in available reading matter of the day, had aided in maintaining the dignity of the judiciary, an older assures the writer.

Old Directory of 50 years ago lists Gorham N. Weymouth as the court recorder in this city under Judge Cram.

A glimpse into the daily activities of Judge Cram has been given by a long-time resident who is certain of facts and who declares that the reproduced pictured likeness of him, which is in place on the walls of the present courtroom in City building, is excellent.

A devotee of the simple life, in deep contrast to the men of his day in New England of like station, singled him out from the many, we are informed.

Physical strength aided greatly in supplying mental alertness in Judge Cram's humble opinion. That, in the opinion of our long-time resident, is the main reason why "the court" of 1892 kept rigidly to an outlined daily program of exercises and activities that were participated in solely for this reason.

of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co.

This was the office of City Marshal Fred A. Tarbox and there are many relatively young men of today who can recall Fred's imposing stature, which typifies the mind-picture of what a law enforcement dignitary should resemble.

A whole chapter could be devoted to Fred alone and his lengthy local career, but this will wait.

Charles H. Grant was deputy marshal of the 1892 department. Listed patrolmen of that day were, according to Old Directory, G. W. Rumery, James Mogan, Charles T. Charland, Joseph Pallardis and Thomas Cullinan.

A biography of the individuals above-named, in the opinion of our long-time resident, would prove decidedly interesting to their present-day successors as well as to the public in general.

ties that were participated in solely for this reason.

Among the daily "stints" of the judge were the walking so many miles each day, much of the time carrying on his shoulder an ancient appearing, but serviceable rifle which had attachments to which he could add leaden weights as he desired to aid in the development of his arm and shoulder structure. Much of the time while thus marching about

through land adjacent to his then home at 102 South street, he walked with his feet bared to early morning dew or rain-drenched grass.

Just so long each day, Judge Cram stood in a shed doorway of his spacious home and would lean far out with his arms braced against the door casings.

He then would pull his ample-muscled body back. So often had this routine been repeated that the sharpened edges of the wooden door frame had been made smooth and shinningly rounded.

A specially arranged bed with an extension head section built out over a southerly exposed window sill, allowing him to sleep with head and shoulders exposed to the vagaries of our variable weather, was another of his self-prescribed benefits to assure good health.

It is the opinion of our old-time residents that the health-program did keep Judge Cram mentally alert. His judicious decisions arrived at in unusually complicated cases before him were often reviewed by his contemporaries.

Criminal sessions were held every morning in 1892 (legal holidays and Sundays excepted) at 9 o'clock.

Police of 1892

In connection with court officers of Old Directory days, it seems fitting to tell where the police station was located 50 years ago and list the personnel.

The police office was at 171 Main street, which, under the new system of numbering would locate it opposite the main office

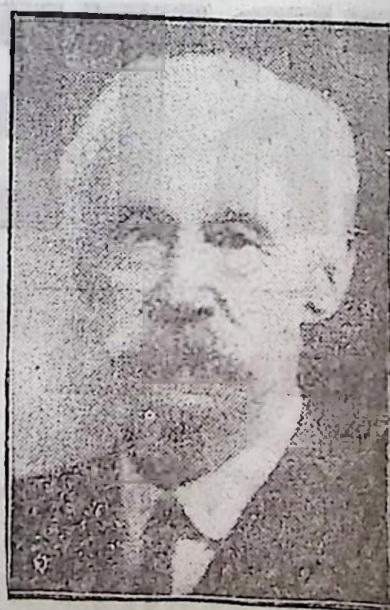
DECEMBER 4, 1942.

Deaths -

C. M. Watson, Veteran Local Printer, Dies

Was Grand Master Of Odd Fellows

Clarence M. Watson, life-long resident of this city, and for several years in charge of the job printing department of the Journal, died last night at local hos-



CLARENCE WATSON

Biddeford-Saco Garden Club Officials



By Staff Photographer

New officers of the Saco and Biddeford Garden Club elected Wednesday. Front row, left to right: Miss Lottie Harmon, auditor; Mrs. Sarah E. Graves, president; Mrs. Ethel Libby, vice president. Back row, Mrs. Bertha Furber, director; Mrs. Marion Walker, director and retiring president; and Mrs. Dorothea Dutton, corresponding secretary.

fall. He fractured a shoulder in a fall at his home about a week ago and his condition has since been critical.

Mr. Watson was known throughout Maine. He was 49th grand master of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of Maine, a charter member of Mavesken Lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, of this city, and a former chief engineer of the Biddeford fire department.

He was born in this city, son of Marcus and Mary E. (Smith) Watson, May 13, 1853. His family is of Scotch descent, the American ancestor coming to this country from Scotland during the colonial period.

Learned Printing Trade.

Mr. Watson was educated in the public schools of this city, supplemented by an apprenticeship in a printing office. Marcus Watson, his father, was a newspaper man of wide experience, who founded many papers in Maine. Clarence learned the printer's trade in the office of the Maine Democrat in this city, then under management of Hon. E. K. Smart of Camden, a one time famous Democratic politician. From 1890 to 1896, Clarence was foreman in the office of the Biddeford Daily Times. During 1897 he was foreman of the Bar Harbor Record, at Bar Harbor. In 1900-01 he was foreman of The Opinion at Rockland. In 1902-03 he was foreman of the printing office of W. H. Sherman, Bar Harbor, and from June, 1903, to July, 1904, he was manager of the Daily and Weekly Sentinel of Waterville, the papers owned by Cyrus W. Davis. His last employment was in the job department of the Journal, from which he retired a few years ago.

Local Politics.

Mr. Watson was interested in local politics, serving as clerk of the common council in 1878, and as a member of the council in 1881. He was chief engineer of the fire department from March, 1894, to April, 1896, and superintendent of the fire alarm during the same period. For 12 years he represented his ward as a member of the city committee.

Mr. Watson was twice married. His first wife was Nellie M. Hooper of this city, to whom he was married in 1873. She died in 1876, leaving one child. In 1880 he married Arianna E. Jose of Saco. Although he worked in several places in the state, he always maintained his home in this city.

He became an Odd Fellow February 26, 1874, by uniting with Granite lodge, No. 14, of this city, just 20 days after institution of the lodge. He became a member of York encampment, No. 17, March 23, 1874. He took a withdrawal card from York encampment for the purpose of becoming a charter member of Biddeford encampment, which body was instituted January 8, 1892, and he received the Rebekah degree October 19, 1874, in Granite lodge, but on December 19 following he became a charter member of Evangeline Rebekah lodge, No. 7. He was also a member of Canton Dearborn of Saco. With the term beginning January 1, 1875, Mr. Watson was secretary of the lodge. He served as vice grand in 1880 and in July of that year was made noble grand.

District Deputy

Mr. Watson was admitted to the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1883.

In 1892 he was appointed district deputy grand master of his district and in 1893 was elected grand warden of the Grand lodge. October 15, 1895, he was elected grand master, and the next year was elected grand representative to the sovereign grand lodge, serving in sessions at Springfield, Ill., and at Boston. As grand master he signed the charter for the Rebekah assembly of Maine.

Few local men were more familiar with early history of the city than Mr. Watson. He was fire chief when City building burned and often recalled incidents of this fire. He knew fire department history and much of interest concerning buildings and old-time residents of this city and vicinity.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Nellie W. Wallace of this city; a son, J. Ernest Watson of Lynn, Mass.; 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He attended the United Baptist church in this city.

Funeral services will be held at 3.30 Saturday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

—Among those who spent a delightful Sunday at the New Belvidere, Beachwood, were Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Morrison, Mrs. H. E. Woodman and Arthur Andrews of Saco, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tibbette, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Paraday, Mrs. M. Bacon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Etchells and Miss Carrie Bragdon of Biddeford; A. Warren of Portland, Mrs. J. R. Clark of Boston and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Ayer of Biddeford. Thirty regular guests are now at this hotel.

THE PEPPERELL Sheet

March 1943.



Miss Reinette Lamothe.

No matter how slight a cut may be, go to the Clinic at once to have it dressed. Cuts that aren't properly cared for sometimes get infected and cause real serious trouble, resulting in lost time for the injured person.

Glancing Into Past Through Old Directory

Fifty years ago, a Boston firm which featured compilation of municipal directories was proudly announcing the completion of the Biddeford and Saco directory with 5,330 names of Biddeford residents and 2,574 listings of persons residing in the city across the Saco river.

That the compilers had some difficulty in carrying on their work locally is evidenced by a paragraph in the preface of the directory which reads as follows: We hope that those who are disposed to be critical of the defects of the directory and its imperfections will bear in mind the fact that our canvassers are dependent upon the inhabitants of a city or town for any information they may obtain, and that desired facts are often withheld, whereas, if each one would do his part, the book would soon become a model one.

It is of great interest to older residents, as well as those of subsequent generations, to note some of the firms in the two cities that subscribed to advertising in the pages of the directory in 1892. The Biddeford House in its paid advertisement on the back section of the front cover, proclaims that it is operating "under new management" with Frank F. Perkins then being proprietor.

H. A. Weymouth, M. D., was conducting a Saco drug store which featured in its paid ad the availability of "pure drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, trusses, etc."

J. B. A. Chevalier was local manager of the New York Life Insurance Co., with offices at 119 Main street, this city.

Samuel J. Bassford was a practicing physician with offices in his residence at 36 South street, Biddeford, and, incidentally, officiated at the birth of the party typewriting this article.

Henry I. Lord was a notary public, justice of the peace, real estate dealer, auctioneer, custom house broker and quorum in the U. S. for the Province of Quebec. He was located at 95 Main street, Biddeford.

J. Goldsbrough and Co. were sole agents at 38 Alfred street, City, for a variety of types of stoves, hollow ware, ash and boiler mouths and pearl agate ware. They carried on copper, sheet iron and tin work also.

Your hatter in that far off and distant day was, according to the ad on page 5 of the directory, C. H. Webber at 55 Main street, Saco. Mr. Webber was also a clothier.

James Quarter was proprietor of a hack and livery stable at 27 Washington street and he dealt in "first-class horses, harnesses and carriages."

Melville H. Kelley was secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Co., which was located at 16 Main street, Calef block, Factory Island, Saco, at that time. All the then directors of the company have since died, it is revealed.

The Biddeford Journal, established in 1884, and listing Charles H. Prescott as publisher, declared in a promotional ad on page 7 of the interesting book that "as a local advertising medium it (the Journal) has no equal in

southwestern Maine." This same contention is as true today as it was in 1892.

The Tarbox express was giving excellent service in that day between Biddeford, Saco, Kennebunk and Portland and their local addresses were 310 Main street and 145 Main street, this city, and 109 Main street, Saco.

T. Goldthwaite, Jr., was a dealer in "Best Family Coals" both wholesale and retail with an order office at 151 Main street, Biddeford.

With the public schools opening today in this city, it is interesting to note that in 1892 F. M. Burnham was one of the dealers who was stocking school and miscellaneous books, stationery, blank books, pass books and diaries. News and story papers and magazines were also sold by Mr. Burnham. Albums, reward cards, toy books and Bibles were also listed items on sale. The location of this store was at the corner of Main and Washington streets.

Couture and Pelletier were "leading bakers in the city," a promotional ad on page 18 so declared and they used "none but the choicest flour," in the preparation of their eatables. It was P. Couture and Pierre Pelletier and they were operating from 16 Foss street.

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SEPTEMBER 24, 1942.

Again this week we go back 50 years through the printed pages of the Old Directory to find just who was doing business along the Main streets of the two cities and at locations on the less frequented side streets.

We do this to refresh the memories of older residents of the county and to present to the members of the younger generations the names of their predecessors who aided Biddeford and Saco in growing up to be the live and forward-looking communities that they have become in the past halfcentury.

Winfield S. Dennett, civil engineer and surveyor, agent of the Saco Water Power Co., with offices at the Laconia counting room in Biddeford and at 82 Main street, Saco, probably assisted

as much as any one man could, in methodically recording and laying out in detail through the aid of precision measuring instruments the land developments of the two cities.

Aside from his work associated with the large corporations of the two cities in the 1880's, Mr. Dennett assisted in the charting and blue-printing of many of the suburban and sea coast areas that have seen rapid development and constant changes in land ownership in recent years.

Modern-day engineers, who encounter the detailed work of Mr. Dennett in consulting old maps and ancient deeds are high in their praise of the accuracy of his work.

Banks and Bankers.

Luther Bryant was the president of the Biddeford National bank in 1892, and the headquarters of the institution which found Charles E. Goodwin serving as cashier, was at 141 Main street. The then directors were: Luther Bryant, Joshua Moore, Rishworth Jordan, Charles E. Goodwin and William H. Hutchins.

The bank had been operating 27 years at that time and was capitalized for \$150,000.

John M. Goodwin was the president of the York County Savings bank, located then at 167 Main street, this city. R. H. Ingersoll was secretary and treasurer.

The trustees, according to the paid ad in the old Directory, were: Fred A. Day, Horace Ford, Abel H. Jellerson, E. H. Banks, John M. Goodwin, Joseph Smith, 4th, and Charles H. Prescott.

This bank was organized on March 27, 1860.

Rishworth Jordan was president of the Saco Savings bank with offices at 3 Storer street, Saco, in 1892. Frank W. Nutter was secretary and treasurer.

Trustees were: John E. L. Kimball, Rishworth Jordan, George F. Owen, D. F. Littlefield, and Benjamin Leavitt. It was organized Nov. 27, 1860.

The Saco National Bank had quarters in the same location at 3 Storer street, with R. Jordan serving as president just 50 years ago. S. S. Richards was the cashier.

The directors of this bank which was capitalized at \$100,000 were: R. Jordan, J. E. L. Kimball, Enoch Lowell, Luther Bryant, S. S. Richards, William F. Pike and Horace Woodman.

The York National Bank, organized as a state bank in 1831 and as a national bank in 1865, with a capital of \$100,000, was located at 64 Main street, Saco, in 1892.

R. F. C. Hartley was the then president and Sumner C. Parcher its cashier.

Directors were: R. F. C. Hartley, H. Fairfield, George A. Emery, Sumner C. Parcher and Frank C. Deering. Discount day was Monday.

Sixteen Main street, Calef block, was the location at that time of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, which was incorporated February 1, 1827.

Edward P. Burnham was president and Melville H. Kelley, treasurer. Trustees were: Jeremiah Mason, E. P. Burnham, Charles S. Bryant, Lucius L. Milliken and Sumner C. Parcher.

"Deposits of five cents and upward received," was the statement made a prominent part of their ad on page 9 of the old directory.

Interest at that time commenced on the third Wednesday of each month.

The promotional ad of the Biddeford Savings Bank is believed to have been on a page in the old directory of 1892 that became detached from the binding and is apparently lost.

(To Be Continued)

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OCTOBER 16, 1942.

Known to every commercial traveler that made Biddeford and Saco "a stop" and to all other local citizens old enough to ask questions in 1892 was "Tom" Drew, of 36 West street.

The always reliable Mr. Drew, to give it to the reader in Old Directory terseness, was a hackman — headquarters, Biddeford House.

Tom was accommodating, jolly and his services were always in great demand.

One of the things that people remember about Tom's habits was his wearing, in season and out, of a straw hat of odd shape and uncertain age.

People away from the city for any length of time in 1892 would have noted the absence of the Drew hack from its place in front of the Biddeford House quicker than the removal of the Pepperell tower clock.

William S. Wakefield, carpenter and builder, shop, rear of 91 Main street, residence, 18 Elm street, Saco, announced in Old Directory add, page 487, that he was ready to furnish plans and give estimates. Many homes and business places in both cities are the result of his planning and construction supervision.

Hard Money.

Nathaniel E. Kimball, residence, 191 Alfred street, who was a manufacturer of pressed brick and faced brick at his yards on the Alfred road 50 years ago, was a business man of ability.

As often happens in the course of an average lifetime, there are periods of time when even the most successful of business men find that stringency of funds, following periods of war and man-created depressions, overtakes them.

It is related of "Nat" that during such a time, his inventive genius coupled with his inborn trust that things usually worked out to the advantage of the prudent, eventually "eased" him over the "tough" days in a most novel manner.

The story goes that he stepped down to his kilns one morning when "folding money" was desperately needed to keep things a-moving and had imprinted in the surface of a number of the

Dr. G. I. Former Resident

NO PRIORITIES ON 1890 GOWNS



They had no priorities but they had a lot of other things on the gowns of the 1890 era. Saco club members display the attire that made the 90s gay.

Front—Mrs. Dorothy Garland, Miss Lena Lord, Mrs. Harry Burnham, Mrs. Calista Morse, Mrs. Eleanor Gifford.

Second row—Mrs. Mildred Hawkes, Mrs. Carl Dennett, Mrs. Kathryn Stacey, Mrs. Ida Clark, Mrs. Alice Black.

Back row—Mrs. Frances Hewes, Mrs. Mae Sweetsir, Miss Helen Hill, Mrs. Kathryn Collins, Miss Florence Dolby, Mrs. Florence Edfors, Mrs. Ida Smith.

pieces of soft clay about to be "burned" into bricks, a message similar to the following: Nat will redeem this on demand at face value of \$5.

Driving into the city, and allegedly to the proprietor of the Biddeford House, at that time, reputedly in possession of ample funds, Nat unloaded the still warm bricks with the inerascable promise from his carpet bag and received in return enough money to meet his payroll.

It is the understanding of the party who tells the above story about Nat that he did redeem the "hard money" and that the bricks were an object of wonderment to many who saw them in the days of plenty that followed.

(If any old time residents have more information on this unusual transaction, the Old Directory detailer would be pleased to learn about it.)

Early Corporations.

It was the Saco Water Power Machine Shop in 1892 with plant on Smith street, opposite Pearl, and James H. McMullan was local agent. They made cotton and woolen machinery.

Spencer W. Richardson of Boston was the then treasurer of the shop.

John B. Gregory was agent of the Saco River Lumber Co., with offices at 7 River street.

The Saco Water Power Co., land and water privileges, were then in the hands of Winfield S. Dennett, agent, with offices at the Laconia Co., counting room, Main street, opposite Emery street.

The Hardy Machine Co., Fred A. Tarbox, treasurer, was situated at 25 Lincoln street.

Another early "iron founder" was T. J. McDermott, with shop at 19 Gooch street, a thoroughfare which ten-year-old local youngsters would be unable to find or recall. It was legally discontinued some years ago. It connected Elm street, Biddeford, with Main street, Saco, and had many, now demolished, homes on it as well as a long corporation block at the Saco end of it.

Early box manufacturers according to the Old Directory were Hiram Hanson at 2 Pine street and B. F. Haley at 8 Pine street.

NOVEMBER 16, 1942.

Dr. G. R. Ricker, Former Local Resident, Dies

Dr. George R. Ricker, former local dentist, died in Dallas, Tex., Sunday. His age was 87 years. He leaves a son, Roscoe, and a daughter, Ethel, both of Dallas, Tex. He was born in this city and practiced dentistry many years in an office in Washington block, corner of Main and Washington streets. He left this city about 25 years ago, and had since resided in Texas.

For many years Dr. Ricker was a bass singer in the Adams Street Baptist church and also took part in many local musical productions.

He was affiliated with the local Masonic bodies, being at his death the oldest member of Dunlap lodge, F. & A. M.

FEBRUARY 22, 1943.

Mrs. A. E. Bail Prominent Saco Woman Dies

Was Active In Baptist Church

Mrs. Minnie R. Bail, widow of Alvah E. Bail, for many years prominent in local, county and state United Baptist church circles, died Saturday at a Portland hospital, where she has been receiving treatment for the past three weeks. Mrs. Bail recently suffered a bad fall at her home, 47 Green street, Saco, which resulted in her suffering a fractured vertebra. When she failed to respond to local treatment administered, it was deemed ad-

visable that she be removed to Portland, where she might be treated by a prominent specialist of that city. Her age was 60 years, she having observed her last birth anniversary on December 23, 1942.

Mrs. Bail was born in Danville, P. Q., the daughter of William and Sarah Armstrong. She became a resident of Saco with members of her family about 50 years ago, and has continued to reside in that community. She has been a member of the Saco Baptist church societies for the past 33 years, being a member of the Main street church before it was merged with the Cutts avenue church to form the United Baptist church society. During 30 years of that period she served as superintendent of the junior department of the Sunday school.

She was only recently appointed secretary of the department of missionary education of the Western Maine Baptist Conference. She served as president and also as vice president of the South York Baptist association, and on

numerous occasions acted as a delegate for the church to the Northern Maine Baptist convention. She was clerk of the visitors board of the Saco Provident association, and her many charitable acts and regular visits to the homes of the needy and sick will long be remembered by many benefitting by her deeds and services rendered to the society.

She has been most active as a leader in the operation of the regular summer vacation school sponsored annually by the United Baptist church and was known as a most valuable member and untiring worker of practically all of the various leading ladies organizations of the parish. She held the acquaintance of many prominent county, state and nationally known Baptist church leaders.

She is survived by her son, Roger J. Bail, and a granddaughter, both of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JANUARY 16, 1943.

DEATHS

F. P. Abbott, Well-Known Resident, Dies Death Follows Long Illness

Frederick P. Abbott, life-long local resident, died Friday at his home, 58 Beach street, following a long illness.

He was born in this city April 25, 1863, son of Erastus Abbott, a native of Portland, and Bertha (Oster) Abbott, a native of Waldermail.

After attending the public schools, Mr. Abbott established himself in the real estate business in this city, and he continued therein for many years, and with great success, as he was recognized as the leading realtor throughout this section.

Mr. Abbott then, with Mrs. Abbott, spent a number of years in travel, visiting many parts of the United States as well as touring the countries of the Old World.

In the political field Mr. Abbott was always affiliated with the Democratic party, although he never sought public office he served for a time as tax collector.

On August 6, 1902, he married Sarah Rideout, daughter of Rev. William and Ruth Rebecca Rideout, who was active in local club work. After the death of his first wife he married Miss Annie Dennett of Saco, who died a few years ago.

He was a member of Dunlap Lodge, F. & A. M., York Chapter, Bradford Commandery, the old York Wheelman's club and attended the Congregational church.

Mr. Abbott leaves a sister, Miss Bertha E. Abbott of Old Orchard Beach, and a nephew, Everett L. Mulcahy of Portsmouth, N. H.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

JANUARY 19, 1943.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR FREDERICK P. ABBOTT

Funeral services for Frederick P. Abbot, well known Saco resident, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Saco. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends. Many flowers were received. Rev. John H. Hyde, pastor of the White church, officiated.

Bearers were Warren Harmon, Dr. Paul Willson, George Tremblay and Arthur Andrews. Burial was in the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Get Bequests Of F. P. Abbott

JANUARY 30, 1943.

Under provisions of the will of the late Frederick P. Abbott, well-known resident of Saco, now on file with Register of Probate Ralph Andrews, the Webber Hospital association of this city is bequeathed the Abbott homestead on Beach street, Saco, and the Second Congregational church, Biddeford, is made residuary legatee. No estimate as to size of the estate accompanied the petition for probate of the will. Thomas B. Walker, Biddeford attorney, is nominated executor.

Terms of the will follow:

Laurel Hill Cemetery Association, Saco, \$300, income to be used in perpetual care of the Abbott burial lot in that cemetery. A similar amount is also left the Greenwood Cemetery Association in Biddeford for perpetual care of the burial lot of Erastus Abbott, father of the testator.

Miss Bertha E. Abbott, sister, of Old Orchard Beach, is given \$5,000.

Item four reads as follows: "I give and devise my homestead place, number 56 Beach street, Saco, which came to me through the will of my late wife, J. Annie Dennett Abbott, land and buildings, to the Webber Association of said Biddeford."

The family automobile is given to George Tremblay, Biddeford.

Regarding duties of the executor, item sixth reads as follows: "I direct my executor, hereinafter named, to sell and convey any and all real estate other than my homestead place above given, at any time in his judgment and discretion within two years of my decease. I also direct my executor to sell and convey the contents of said homestead place on Beach street, Saco, including all personal property therein deposited."

Item seven, which makes the Congregational church residuary legatee, reads as follows: "All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real, personal and mixed, wherever found and however situated, including legacies above given which may lapse, and the proceeds of the sale of such real and personal property as may be sold by my executor, to the Second Congregational church of said Biddeford, as a memorial to my late friend, John Q. Adams, late of said Biddeford, and I recommend that the same be invested and managed by said church and the income used for general church purposes."

The will is dated July 9, 1942, and witnessed by Esther C. Yorke, Clarence B. Rumery and Lloyd G. Woodman.

APRIL 26, 1943.

Deaths - Lewis Stillman Dies Following Brief Illness

Prominent In Many Activities

Lewis B. Stillman, prominent

Saco resident, died Sunday morning at his home, 187 North street, Saco, following a brief illness. He was head of the Saco Brick Company, prominent in Baptist church circles and served as a member of the board of aldermen and the Saco school board.

Mr. Stillman was born in Providence, R. I., son of William J. and Abbey Williams Stillman, February 14, 1863.

After completing his school days, he worked for his father in the retail shoe business, and later became the owner of that business.

In 1885 he married the daughter of the late Obediah Durgin of the firm of Marston & Durgin, brick manufacturers, of Saco. While continuing in the shoe business at Providence, he became interested in the affairs of his father-in-law in Saco.

In 1905 he formed a corporation of the Saco Brick Company to take over the business of Marston & Durgin, Saco brick manufacturers, and he became president of the company, which office he held since.

About 1910 he came to Saco to make his home and gave most of his time to the affairs of the company.

Mr. Stillman became interested in civic affairs, and served as a member of the Saco board of aldermen, and also served as a member of the Saco school board.

He was an active worker in the Cutts avenue Free Baptist church and later of the Saco United Baptist church, and for several years was an active worker in the summer activities of the Baptists at Ocean Park.

After the death of his wife in 1920, he married Cora H. Kelly, daughter of Melville H. Kelly, who survives him. He also leaves two sons, Dr. Raymond B. Stillman of Wareham, Mass., and Harold L. Stillman of Newtonville, Mass., and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon at the home, 187 North street, Saco.

APRIL 30, 1943.

Well-Known Saco Woman Taken By Death

Mrs. Minnie I. Leavitt, life-long resident of Saco, wife of Charles F. Leavitt, 13 Old Orchard road, died early today at a local hospital following an illness of short duration. Her age was 61 years, 9 months and 2 days.

News of her death came as a shock to a wide circle of friends who admired her for her many sterling qualities.

Born in Saco, the daughter of Edward W. and Annie (Hersey) Deland, she is survived by her husband, two sons, Foster C. and Edward D. Leavitt, both of Saco, and a sister, Mrs. Harry Calderwood of this city. One grandchild also survives.

Mrs. Leavitt was a member of the Second Parish Unitarian church of Saco and the Women's Educational and Industrial Union.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

MAY 6, 1943.

Prominent Saco Resident Taken By Death Archie Houston Active In City

Former Alderman Archibald Falconer Houston, retired textile mill overseer, and for over half a century prominent in local, county and state Republican, Knights of Pythias and Masonic circles, died at a local hospital, Wednesday afternoon. While in failing health for some time he had been able to be out and around at times previous to being stricken with a severe shock earlier in the week. The news of his death caused much sorrow among his wide circle of friends.

Mr. Houston was born in Glasgow, Scotland, son of James and Elizabeth (Falconer) Houston. He came to this country when a young man and had resided in Saco during the greater part of his life. Being skilled in textile work, he entered the employ of the York mills in Saco and soon afterwards was promoted to the position of overseer, which he held continuously for nearly 50 years in the dressing, beaming and quilting departments before failing health caused him to resign. He was widely known in New England textile circles for many years, and was most popular with the officials of the York mills and his associate workers.

Active Citizen.

During his younger life he was most prominent in Saco, York county, and state Republican political circles. He served as a member of the Saco Board of Aldermen, representing the Ward 2 section for several terms. For a long period of years, he took a most active part in the affairs of Unity Lodge, K. of P., Saco, having served as a chancellor commander and in all other leading offices of the lodge at various periods during his affiliation with the order. He also served on various committees connected with the annual Southwestern Maine Pythian Jubilee program for many years.

He was affiliated with all of the Masonic orders and served as a past master of Saco Lodge, F. & A. M., and held other leading offices during his membership career with Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar; Royal Arch Chapter; Maine Council Royal and Select Masters, No. 7. He was a 32nd degree Mason, and also a member of Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston, the Shrine Club and Scottish Rite of Portland. He was an attendant of the School street Methodist church. He was twice married, his first wife, who was Mary E. McKinnon, died several years ago.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Ellie M. (Wakefield) Houston, and two daughters, Mrs. William Creswell, Norfolk, Virginia, and Miss Elizabeth F. Houston, Lawrence, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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Plan For St. Patrick's Bridge Party



By Staff Photographer

General arrangements committee for the St. Patrick's Day bridge party of the Saco motor corps to be given at the First Congregational Church parish house, Saco, Tuesday, March 17. Proceeds will be used for corps equipment. Left to right: Mrs. Mabel Cloudman, chairman, Mrs. Carol MacLean, Mrs. May Quint, and Mrs. Priscilla Cunningham, captain of the corps.

MARCH 18, 1943.

DEATHS

Alvah Wescott Dies Suddenly At Home Today Was Prominent Saco Resident

Alvah C. Wescott of 40 Pleasant street, a well-known life-long resident of Saco, more familiarly known by his friends as Aime Wescott, and employed as a machinist at the Saco-Lowell Shops for the past 37 years, died suddenly at his home this morning. His age was 66 years, 9 months and 26 days. The news of his death came as a shock to his large circle of acquaintances and shop-mates and to many of his relatives who were little aware of his condition being so serious.

Mr. Wescott was born in Saco, son of Leander and Eldora (Goodwin) Wescott. His early education was received in the Saco schools. He learned the machinist's trade when a young man and followed this occupation at the Saco-Lowell Shops during the greater part of his life.

During his younger life he was most prominent in local sporting circles, especially horse racing and on many different occasions made trips to different points in the eastern section of the country to witness major events of this type and boxing matches. At one time during his younger career he was the owner of several fast-stepping trotters and pacers seen regularly in action in different matinee ice and snow racing cards held in this part of York county and at different fair programs during the summer and fall months. He was always a staunch supporter of all of the Thornton academy athletic teams and for many years when time permitted could always be found on the sidelines rooting for the academy football eleven.

He took a deep interest in civic affairs of his native community. During his younger life at different times he was also most active in politics. He was a member of Saco lodge F. and A. M.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Celia Huntress before marriage. The couple only recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Funeral services will be held at his late home, 40 Pleasant street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

APRIL 29, 1943.

Former Local Girl Doing Good Work

Serves In WAAC As Captain

The following from the Boston Traveler, is regarding a former local girl who has been and still is making a real name for herself



KATHARINE R. GOODWIN

in civic endeavor. Miss Goodwin

is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Goodwin, well-known residents of this city. The Traveler speaks as follows of Miss Goodwin and her accomplishments:

Attractive Katharine Ralston Goodwin is personable proof that women don't lose their femininity when they don a uniform. . . . She joined the WAACs with the first class, and now is a captain in one of the ten top jobs of the organization. . . . After completing her training at Fort Des Moines, she was sent first to Boston, then to Washington, and finally landed back in the Hub, where she is service command director at the army base on Commonwealth avenue. . . . Living in New England isn't new to her for she was born and brought up in this city, was graduated from Thornton academy in Saco and received her A. B. degree from Russel Sage college. . . . For 15 years she taught in Hartford, Conn., classes in business planning, and feels it was good preparation for her present post. . . . She always spent time out from school in traveling through Europe, Northern Africa, Canada and the United States. Christmas vacations were always spent in the West Indies, which she adores. . . . Caught in Switzerland when war was declared, she managed to get home on the Queen Mary. . . . Her command of languages, she claims, was only about sufficient to get around comfortably in a foreign country.

Photography, in both black and white and color, has always been a major hobby. . . . Before entering the service she had her own house in Hartford, raised a beautiful flower garden and had a Siamese cat known as Ink Mink. She has a layman's fondness for the theater, music and art, and an intense dislike for discontented people. . . . Enjoys murder mysteries for bedtime reading fare and zooms through a whole book in one whack. . . . Although she has no accent to label the fact, she claims she's a New Englander through and through and eventually wants to return to Hartford. . . . Slight in build, with dark hair and warm brown eyes, she chooses sports clothes when out of uniform, and likes jewelry if it's real. . . . At present, her major concern is to do a good job with the WAACs and she feels that the more people brought into the service, the more really good citizens we'll have after the war.

August 10, 1943

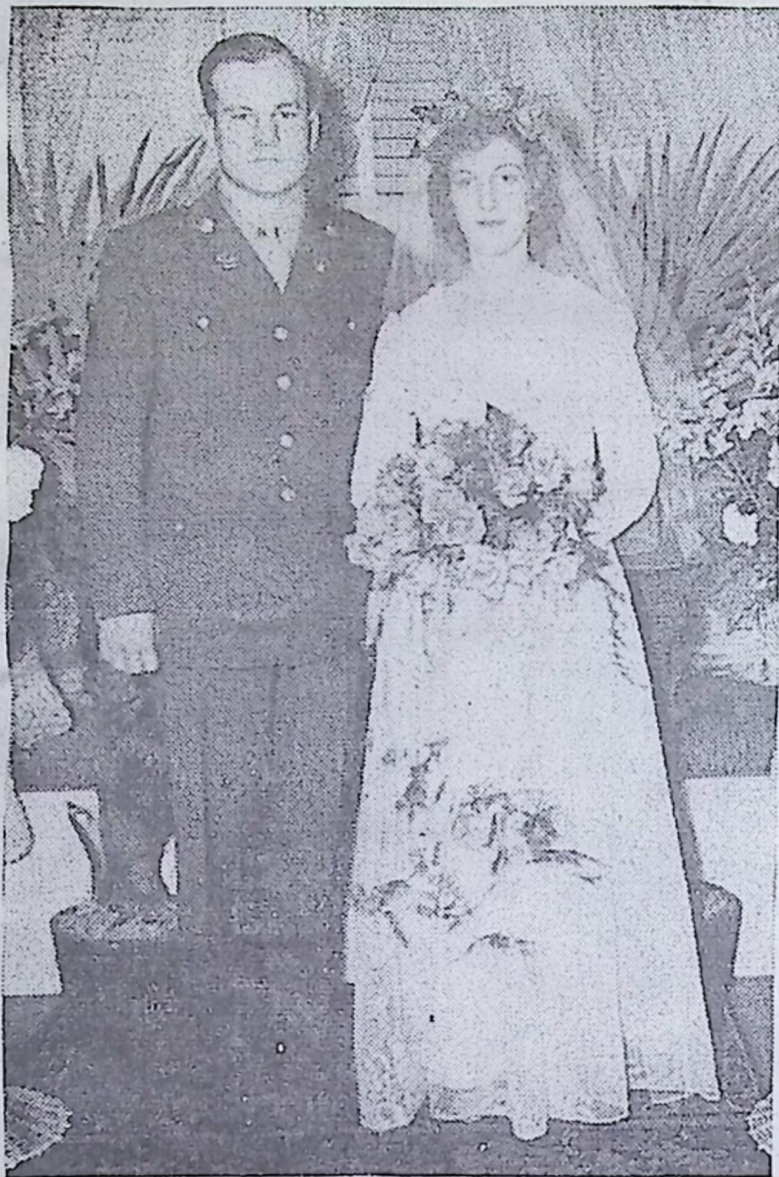


By Staff Photographer

Philip E. Graves

Special Despatch to the Press

WED IN SACO



Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Gillis, recently married in Saco. The bride was Miss Marianne Holt of Saco before marriage. Mr. Gillis is a private in the Army.

FEBRUARY 11, 1943.

Wedding At Saco Rectory

Marianne Holt Becomes Bride

A wedding of unusual interest locally was solemnized at the rectory of Most Holy Trinity parish, Main street, Saco, by Rev. Francis McPartland, at 6 o'clock, Monday evening, when Miss Marianne E. Holt, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Clarence E. Holt, was united in marriage to P. F. C. Edward E. Gillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gillis of Leominster, Mass.

The wedding music for both wedding and reception was played by Miss Althea Fogg of Saco.

The bride was gowned in white organza with fingertip veil attached to headpiece of blush roses and lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of blush roses and lilies of the valley.

The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Clifford L. English of

Winthrop and Saco, as matron of honor. She wore light blue taffeta with headpiece of pink roses and carried a bouquet of the same.

The groom was attended by his brother, Francis J. Gillis, of Leominster, Mass., as best man.

A reception followed at the bride's home which was attractively decorated with ferns and cut flowers. In the receiving line with the bridal party was Mrs. Clarence E. Holt, mother of the bride.

Refreshments were served under the direction of Mrs. Donald Fraser of Biddeford, cousin of the bride, assisted by Mrs. Paul French, Mrs. Bert Whitney, Mrs. Norma Pollock and Mrs. Paul Reny. Miss Alice Holt served at the punch bowl. Guests were received by Miss Ernestine Knight.

The many beautiful gifts, in charge of Mrs. Harold Strombom, attested to the popularity of the bridal couple.

The guest book was in charge of Mrs. Lawrence Dolby.

The bride is a graduate of Thornton academy and for the past five years has been employed by the Mutual Fire Ins. Co. of Saco.

The groom is a graduate of Leominster high school and at present is stationed with the

181st Infantry in Saco. He was formerly associated in the plumbing business with his brother.

The out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gillis, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Gillis, of Leominster, Mass., Mrs. John Conlon of Fitchburg, Mass., Mrs. John McClellan of Nova Scotia, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gillis of Lewiston and Mrs. Carl H. Thresher of Melrose Highlands, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gillis left on a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York.

-January 10, 1943



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IS ENGAGED—Miss Marianne Estelle Holt, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Clarence E. Holt, USA retired, of Main Street, Saco, whose engagement to Pfc. Edward J. Gillis, USA, of Leominster, Mass., is announced. Miss Holt was graduated from Thornton Academy in 1937, and is employed by the Mutual Fire Insurance Company at Saco. Private Gillis, a graduate of Leominster High School in 1937, is stationed at Saco.



Lewis Webber

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Saco, June 8—Lewis Webber, principal of the Clementine Kendrick Burns Grammar School for the past eight years, has received a commission as an ensign in the U. S. Navy and is now awaiting call to active duty.

Portland Press Herald,
May 12, 1943

Major Henry B. Hallowell
Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Kennebunk, May 11—Major Henry B. Hallowell, 58, World War One veteran, died this afternoon in a Biddeford hospital after an operation.

He was born at North Oxford, Mass., the son of Edward and Hattie Bartlett Hallowell. He was graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1907 and served as a mining engineer in the Northwest and in Canada. He also served as assistant to the general manager of the Reed-Prentice Company of Portland, a position which he gave up to serve in the war. He had lived at Kennebunk 25 years. He was a life member of a Masonic Lodge in Worcester, Mass.

Major Hallowell is survived by his widow, Mrs. Honor Littlefield Hallowell; one son, John Hallowell, USN; one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Doane of Kennebunk; one brother, William Hallowell of Northfield, N. H., and three sisters, Mrs. Anna Bacon of North Oxford and Mrs. Sarah Franchi and Mrs. Harriet Trenholm of Belmont, Mass.

The funeral will be held at 1.30 p. m. Thursday at the home, Four Corners, Kennebunk Beach. Interment will be in Hope Cemetery, Kennebunk.

MARCH 23, 1943.

Duncan Innes, Dairy Farmer, Dies In Saco

Death Follows Long Illness

Duncan J. Innes, prominent Buxton resident and dairy farm operator, formerly of Saco, died at his home on the Simpson road in Buxton, Monday evening, following a long illness. His age was 73 years.

Mr. Innes was born in Melbourne, P. Q., the son of Duncan J. and Agnes Johnston Innes. He came to Saco when a young man with members of his family and resided in that city for several years before purchasing a farm in Buxton and engaging in a poultry and dairy business. He was known as one of the leading dairy operators in this part of the county for many years, owning herds of most valuable thoroughbreds which earned many prizes and much recognition for their owner from leading cattle breeders and experts in different sections of the country for production of dairy products. He was also known as an expert poultry fancier and market gardener. He was a member of Trinity church of Saco.

Besides his wife, Mary Elden Innes, he leaves a son, Duncan P. Innes; two daughters, Mrs. A. G. Erickson of Melrose, Mass., and Mrs. David Wiggins of Salmon Falls, Hollis; a sister, Miss Annie Innes, and a brother, Charles H. Innes.

Private funeral services will be held at the Innes homes, on the Simpson road, Buxton, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will take place in the family lot at Buxton Lower Corner cemetery.

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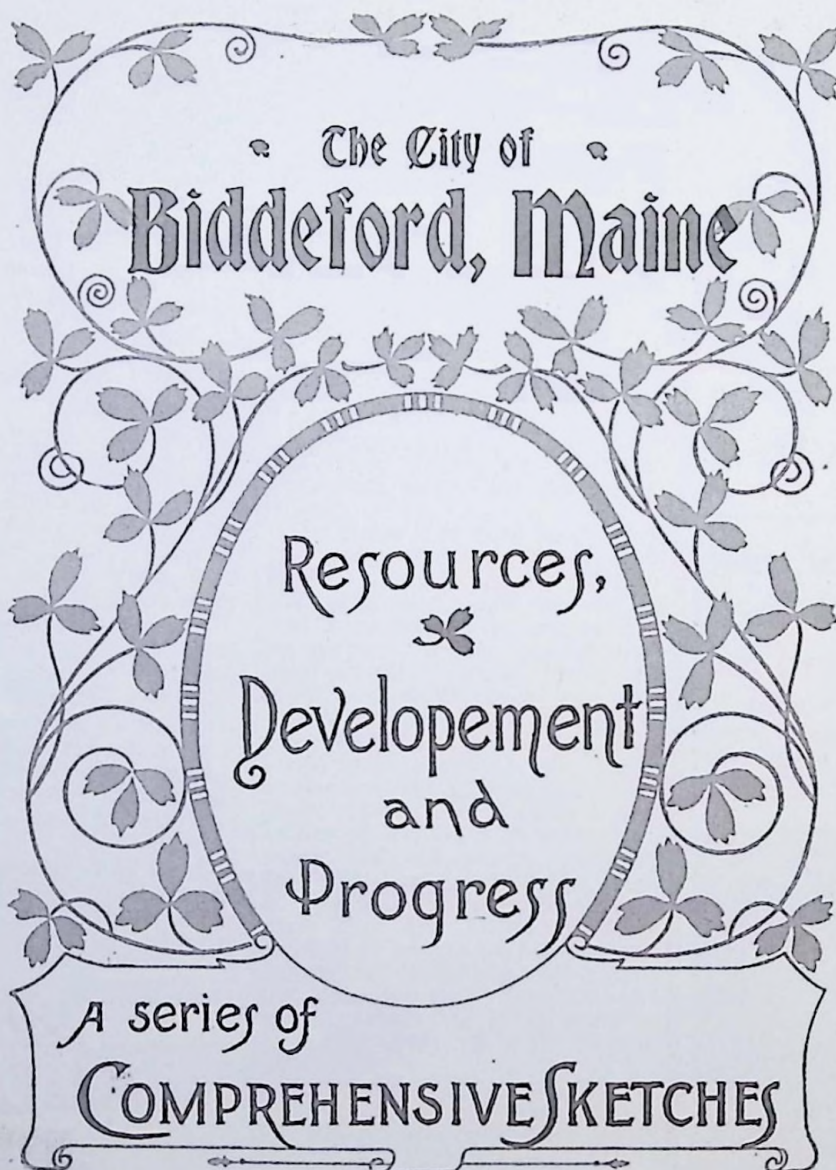
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George H. Piper Dies At Home Of Daughter

In Business Here Many Years

George H. Piper, who for several years operated restaurants in the two cities and at Old Orchard Beach, a former resident of Biddeford, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John C. Whitehurst, 6 Prince avenue, Kittery, Wednesday afternoon, where he and his wife have been staying. His age was 79 years.

Mr. Piper was born in Parsonsfield, son of Charles and Emaline (Hall) Piper. He resided in this city during the greater part of his life. During his early career he was employed as a clerk at local grocery stores for several years. Later he served as a member of the regular night patrol force of the local police department for several terms previous to resigning to engage in the restaurant business. His eating places in the two cities and at Old Orchard Beach were always popular and well patronized. During his residence in this city he was greatly interested in the activities of the Jefferson street Baptist church.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Alice (Goodwin) Piper, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. John C. Whitehurst of Kittery, and two brothers, Alvah C., of South Portland, and Edward E. Piper of Brewer.

Funeral services will be conducted at Laurel Hill chapel in Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, previous to interment in the family lot in the cemetery.

JUNE 23, 1943.

Willard Murphy Well Known As Salesman, Dies

Prominent In Masonic Circles

Willard Freeman Murphy, highly esteemed local resident for the past 55 years, and a widely-known retired traveling salesman, died at his home, 16 Beacon avenue, Sunday, following an extended illness. His age was 71 years, 4 months and 20 days.

Mr. Murphy was born in Dayton, the son of Joseph N. and Olivia Hill Murphy. His early education was received in the schools of that town. For over a half-century, until forced to retire through failing health, Mr. Murphy traveled extensively throughout Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for different wholesale candy and confectionery concerns, and was one of the best known veteran salesmen in this part of New England.

He was a charter member of the former York County Wheelmen's Association for many years one of the best known so-

this section of the state. He was also a member of the United Commercial Travelers, the Quarter-Century Traveling Men's Association of Maine, Dunlap Lodge, F. & A. M., York chapter and Bradford Commaandery, Knights Templar.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah E. Murphy; a daughter, Miss Gladys Murphy, a member of the tellers' staff at the First National bank; a son, Clayton D. Murphy, of Portland; a brother, Arthur D. Murphy, of this city, and a niece, Mrs. Marion Savage of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock.

MAY 1, 1943.

Death Takes Fred Rowe, Saco Merchant

In Business Many Years

Fred Rowe, prominent Saco resident and proprietor of Rowe's clothing and shoe store in Masonic building on Main street in that city, died suddenly at his home, 485 Main street, Friday evening. While he had been in failing health for a long time he had managed up to within a few days to be at his place of business for a part of each day. His sudden death occasioned deep grief for his wide circle of acquaintances, patrons of his store, and business

associates, among whom he was highly esteemed. His age was 61 years.

Mr. Rowe was born in Norway, the son of Fred and Ella (Frost) Rowe. He was graduated from the public and high schools of that town and later pursued a commercial course at Shaw's business college in Portland. He came to Saco 32 years ago and accepted a position as a clerk in the clothing and gents' furnishing goods store operated by Coffin brothers at the present site of the Rowe store. He became a part owner of the place shortly afterwards and was made treasurer and acting manager of the place by the concern purchasing the store from the Coffin brothers. Since that period he became sole owner and continued to operate the place, the only clothing and gents' furnishing goods store in Saco at present, up to the time of his death.

For many years he was active in local and state Masonic circles. He was a member of Saco lodge, F & A. M.; York chapter, Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters; Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 4, and Kora Temple Shrine. He was a former member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club.

He was a great lover of various out-of-door sports and was prominent in local golfing circles for some years when health permitted. He was greatly admired by his customers and business associates for his upright business principles and many sterling qualities he possessed.

He is survived by his wife, Hilda A. Rowe.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home, 485 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

WELCOME VISITOR FROM BIDEFORD



At meeting of Biddeford and Saco Rotary club Wednesday at Hotel Thacher when Richard W. Cotton, representing the borough of Biddeford and the Rotary club of Biddeford, England, visited the local club. Seated, left to right, are: Judge John P. Deering, Saco;

Richard W. Cotton, from Biddeford, England; President Benjamin Shaw of the local club; Superintendent of Schools Harry C. Hull, Saco. Standing, left to right: Dr. Arthur L. Corriveau, chairman of the committee for day; Dr. C. E. Dutton, secretary of local club; Clarence Holt.

MAY 3, 1943.

Hold Services At Home In Saco For Fred Rowe

Funeral services for Fred Rowe, well-known Saco merchant, were held at 1 o'clock this



FRED ROWE

afternoon at the home, 485 Main street, Saco. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends, including business men of the city. Many flowers were received.

The body was taken to Pine Grove cemetery, Norway, for burial.

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APRIL 28, 1943.

Michael J. Boland Local Business Man And Civic Leader Dies Suddenly

Michael J. Boland, former city treasurer, proprietor of a wholesale tobacco and grocery business on Washington street, died suddenly this noon at a local hospital.

Although he had been ill for several months and under treatment at a local hospital twice in recent weeks, he had sufficiently recovered so that he had made plans to leave for Arizona in a few days, to seek relief from a serious asthma trouble that had been bothering him for several years. His condition had not been regarded as critical while he was

under treatment at the local hospital in recent weeks, it was said.

News of his sudden death this noon came as a severe shock to relatives and friends in the city.

Mr. Boland was one of the outstanding citizens of the city, prominent in politics and fraternal life of the city, well known in business and financial circles, and a leader in Democratic ranks in the city and state.

He was born in this city May 10, 1872, son of Michael and Ann (Oates) Boland. After attending local grammar schools he was graduated from Biddeford high and entered the employ of Deering Brothers, wholesale meat dealers, in 1892. He was with this company for 19 years, later becoming treasurer of the Bugbee & Brown Co., and in 1920 he purchased the interests of the other stockholders.

Mr. Boland built the business into one of the largest of its kind in this section of the state, and branched out into the tonic bottling business, wholesale candy trade and took on several other lines.

He served as a member of the board of aldermen, was clerk of the overseers of the poor, city treasurer and was a representative to the legislature.

He served twice as delegate to the Democratic National conventions. Mr. Boland was a member of the Elks.

Considered one of the ablest financial men in the state, Mr. Boland served as financial adviser to several local administrations. He was long prominent in Democratic circles and has been a leader in the present Democratic administration circles since they returned to power several years ago.

He had many interests throughout the county, and was known to many business men and political workers in the county. His advice was sought by many political leaders and he was considered one of the keenest political strategists in this section of the state.

For many years Mr. Boland was active in the Knights of Columbus and served the organization for several years as treasurer of their some association when the society was located on Adams street. He was a member of the fourth degree assembly of the order, and maintained his interest in activities of the society.

He was also prominent in activ-

ities in St. Marys parish and with the Holy Name society of that parish.

Many business men and local civic leaders expressed keen regret today upon learning of the death of Mr. Boland, the opinion being freely voiced that in his death the city has lost a citizen whose worth to the community cannot be estimated.

The body will be at the Boland home, 45 High street, after Thursday afternoon. Arrangements for the funeral had not been completed today.

DECEMBER 10, 1942.

Mrs. Fred B. Cobb, Well-Known Saco Woman, Dies

Had Been Ill Only Short Time

Mrs. Alice S. Cobb, widow of Fred B. Cobb, a resident of Highland street in this city for many years, and widely known by a large number of the older residents of the two cities, died at a local hospital this morning following a brief illness. Her age was 75 years, three months and nine days.

She was born in Lee, N. H., the daughter of Burnham and Helen (Hooper) Thompson. She has resided in Saco and Biddeford during the larger part of her life. A graduate of B. H. S., '85, she was active as a member of Adah chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and other ladies' organizations of this city. She was an attendant of the Second Congregational church. Her death caused profound sorrow among her wide circle of friends.

Besides her son, Paul T. Cobb of Saco, she leaves a half-sister, Mrs. Elmer Lewis of this city, a half-brother, Arlington F. Johnson, Saco; and a grandson, Chandler Cobb of Saco.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JULY 13, 1943.

Mrs. Lucy Cole, 94, Dies At Home In Saco

Mrs. Lucy F. Cole, wife of Albert W. Cole, one of Saco's oldest and best known life-long residents, died at her home on the Boom road Monday evening following a brief illness. Her age was 94 years. The news of Mrs.

Portland Sunday Telegram And Sunday Press Herald—

Portland, Maine—March 28, 1943—

Thornton Academy Secretary Engaged To Portland Man



Miss Pauline H. Smith

Cole's death will occasion deep sorrow for her wide circle of acquaintances among which she was held in high esteem.

Mrs. Cole was born in the North Saco section of the city the daughter of James and Lucy (Fenderson) McKenney. She was educated in the Saco schools. During her younger life she was most prominent in many of the leading social and literary organizations of Saco and Biddeford. She was a member of the North Saco Baptist church and for many years when health permitted was one of the most active members and workers of the parish and different ladies organizations connected with the church.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Lucien Hooper of Westwood, N. J., and Mrs. Winnifred C. Sawyer of Saco; a sister, Mrs. Elwell Carlton of Seattle, Wash.; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services which will be strictly private will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith of Main Street, Saco, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Pauline H. Smith, to Pvt. Peter Christensen Bogh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bogh of Melbourne Street, Portland. Miss Smith is the daughter of the late LeRoy Smith, former manager of the W. W. Woolworth Co., stores at Biddeford, Lowell, Mass., and Boston.

Miss Smith is a graduate of Thornton Academy. She has been secretary at Thornton Academy for the past 13 years, and church organist at the Unitarian Church at Saco for nine years. Miss Smith is a past matron of Annette Chapter OES of Saco, secretary and treasurer of the York County Teachers' Association, and vice president of the Maine Secretaries Association.

Private Bogh attended Portland schools and the Portland School of Fine Arts. He is a past patron of Iona Chapter, OES, in Portland, and 32nd degree Mason. Before his induction in the Army he was foreman at the Seavey Co., in Portland. He is now stationed at the Base Ordnance Office, Army Air Base, Syracuse, N. Y.



By Staff Photographer.

Among leaders in efficient Saco-Biddeford civilian defense units now asking new recruits. Top, left to right: Chief Boatswain's Mate Philip E. Graves, commander of the Auxiliary Coast Guard flotilla; Katherine Deering, chairman of production unit of Saco Chapter, American Red Cross; Mrs. Carrie Dolloff, captain of the Biddeford Red Cross Motor Corps; Capt. Frank Bell, Jr., commanding State Guard company at Saco.

Below: Mrs. Theresa Deshaies, chairman of Saco-Biddeford USO lounge committee; Mrs. Beulah Curtis, captain of Saco Red Cross Motor Corps; Armand Duquette, coordinator of Biddeford CD organization; Lawrence Dolby, chief observer, Saco Aircraft Warning Service.

MAY 3, 1943.

Fred O. Hooper Well-Known Saco Resident Dies

Fred O. Hooper, resident of Saco for the past 50 years, formerly of this city, died at his home, 74 Beach street, Saco, Sunday. His age was 78 years, 7 months and 20 days.

Mr. Hooper was born in this city, son of Joshua and Harriet (Smith) Hooper.

He was a former park commissioner in Saco. He was a lover of nature and well-known for his hobby of raising fancy pigeons and was quite expert in raising poultry. He was a member of Laconia lodge, I. O. O. F., and attended the First Parish Congregational church.

He leaves a widow, who was Latta Tattersson; a daughter, Mrs. Perley Burke of Saco; one son, Roy Hooper, and a brother, Phil Moore Hooper of this city; also five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

It is requested that flowers be omitted.

AUGUST 5, 1943.

Mrs. Ellen Moore Dies At Home Of Daughter

Widow Of Former Saco Mayor

Mrs. Ellen Moore, widow of Luther R. Moore, a former mayor of Saco, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry W. Owen, 280 Beach street, Saco, Wednesday evening, following a lengthy illness. Her age was 73 years, five months and 29 days.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of Hampden and Ellen (Perkins) Fairfield, and has continued to reside there all her life. She was a most active member of the Second Parish Unitarian church for many years.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Henry W. Owen of Saco and Mrs. Dean F. Willey of New Haven, Conn.; a sister, Mrs. Frank Fairfield of Clearwater, Florida, and two grandsons, Richard C. and David M. Owen of Saco.

Funeral services which will be strictly private will be held from her late home, 280 Beach street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is requested that friends omit flowers.

SEPTEMBER 7, 1943.

Fred B. Wiggin, Former Saco Resident, Dies Was Former Prison Warden

Fred B. Wiggin, a former city marshal of the city of Saco, an ex-warden of the Thomaston state prison, for many years a resident of Saco, previous to going to Portland about 20 years ago to make his home, died at Union Monday, where he had been visiting. His age was 82 years and two months. For many years he was one of the best known Democratic leaders in this part of the state.

Mr. Wiggin was born in Saco, July 6, 1861, the son of the late James J. Wiggin and Hannah Rumery. He was educated in the Saco schools and attended Thornton academy, and was active in athletic circles of that school during his student period. During his younger life he was employed for many years as an assistant paymaster at the York mills. Later he was engaged in a retail coal business with the late Harry C. Quinby.

During his early political career as an active member and worker of the Democratic party, he served as city treasurer of Saco and later, during the administration of the late Mayor Harry A. Weymouth, held the office of city marshal. After being defeated for the office of secretary of state in 1911 he was appointed warden of the Maine state prison at Thomaston. He held this office for several years and then served as a local representative for a New York life insurance company. While he continued active as an interested worker of the political party he was so promi-

ently affiliated with for so many years, he retired from active work about 20 years ago and with his wife, the former Nellie Shaw, of Saco, moved to Portland, the couple making their home at 65 State street in that city in late years.

Mr. Wiggin for many years was a great lover of all branches of sports and on numerous occasions journeyed to many far distant cities and towns of the country to witness major events of national interest. During his travels he became personally acquainted with many distinguished personalities. He was a past master of Saco lodge of Masons.

Surviving relatives are his widow and a son, Frederick B. Wiggin, Jr., a resident of East Orange, N. J.

Funeral services will be held in the Laurel Hill cemetery in Saco Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Interment will be in the family lot of the cemetery.

Portland Press Herald,
August 7, 1943

Plan Service In Ancient Church

Pool Road Edifice Built In 1730

Special Despatch to The Press Herald
Biddeford, Aug. 6—The ancient First Congregational Church on the Pool Road, kept devotedly in repair by descendants of pioneer builders and new friends, will be opened for the customary annual service Sunday. The revered building, one of the first regular meetinghouses built in the Saco-Biddeford area, was completed late in 1730.

The Rev. John Hutchinson Hyde, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, the so-called White Church, of Biddeford, will deliver the sermon.

The First Congregational Church was formed by Council April 30, 1730, and consisted of 13 members as follows: John Gray, Samuel Jordan, Humphrey Scamman, Ebenezer Hill, John Sharpe, Pendleton Fletcher, Benjamin Haley, Thomas Gillpatrick, Samuel Hinckley, Benjamin Hilton, John Tarr, Robert Whipple and Mark Shepherd.

Samuel Willard was ordained Sept. 30, 1730. His ministry was short, death coming of a throat disorder in October, 1741. During his pastorate 63 persons, 24 males and 39 females were admitted to the church membership.

Among the males listed as follows are many well known in this region today, perpetuated perhaps by direct descendants: Samuel Scamman, Nathan Whitney, Robert Edgecomb, Rishworth Jordan, Benjamin Hill, John Smith, Andrew Stackpole, Abiel Hill, Daniel Hill, Benjamin Nichols, John Treworzy, James Clarke, Samuel Scamman, Jr., Wyatt Moore, Moses Wadlin, Thomas Emery, Nathaniel Whitney, Jr., John Stackpole, Jr., John Murch, Joseph Gordon, Edward Chapman, Magnus Riddon and Ephraim Stimpson.

Early in 1742 Moses Morrill was engaged to occupy the pulpit. He was from Salisbury, Mass., having been graduated at Harvard while quite young, coming here when "scarce 20". He served until 1778.

His successor, engaged in 1779, was the Rev. Nathaniel Webster. His salary, voted by the town was 75 pounds to be paid in produce as follows: Forty-five bushels corn, four bushels rye, 400 pounds pork, 50 pounds wool, 50 pounds flax, 100 pounds butter, 4046 pounds beef, one quintal fish, two tons "good English hay".

During his time the parish was

divided, the first try at the fall. When the first built in Biddeford quite early. Church to at the board Winter Harbor that a church in Biddeford was built between 1680 and 1700. It was seated in 1730 or 1740. It was empowered to exchange with the church in Saco for a house and burying ground. It was 30 feet. Records of the families waiting the way to the church their church copper-lead stones donated when the right. With the death of the waterfront, moving of the industrial center of the church fell into regular services. But preservation which served place was carried. Church was opened at least one service summer visitors to the old worship. Care of the church through the praise is due the shouldered the burden conduct might be for the defense of times broken in charge of the building replaced broken to avoid the shutters, hurting the appearance of the church. Through the years of the old church to serve quietly, for carrying on. A of the First Congregational church to provide another year. Currently served by Luther Pigeon, John Ray Burdick.

Portland Sunday
March 7, 1944



SACO GIRL
Dorothy Brown
and Mrs. Linda
Thompson Hall
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graduates of the
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divided, due partly to greater industry at the falls.

When the first meetinghouse was built in Biddeford is unknown, but quite early. Church Point is alluded to as the boundary of an estate at Winter Harbor in 1642, indicating that a church stood there. A meetinghouse was built at Winter Harbor between 1660 and 1666 and the people seated in it according to rank or seniority. In 1719 the selectmen were empowered by vote of the town to exchange common land with Benjamin Haley for a lot for a meetinghouse and burying place and engaged him to build the house 35 by 30 feet.

Records of Colonial days tell of families walking barefooted much of the way to the church, carrying with them their cherished and expensive copper-toed shoes which were hastily donned when the building came in sight.

With the decline of business on the waterfront, and the resulting moving of townsfolk nearer to the industrial center at the falls, the old church fell into disuse. In the 1860's regular services there stopped.

But preservation of the old church which served pioneer settlers so many years was carried on, and yearly the church was opened to the public for at least one service. In recent years summer visitors have enjoyed visits to the old worshipping place.

Care of the church has not been easy through the years and much praise is due the loyal few who have shouldered the burden. Vandals, whose conduct might make them eligible for the defense of insanity, have at times broken windows. Those in charge of the building have carefully replaced broken glass and have sought to avoid the necessity of closing shutters, hurting to a degree the appearance of the place.

Through the years the custodians of the old church have ever sought to serve quietly, without recognition for carrying on. Annually old friends of the First Congregational Church gather to provide an organization for another year.

Currently serving as trustees are Luther Piper, John W. Staples and Ray Burleigh.

Portland Sunday Telegram

March 7, 1943



Jackson-White Photo.
SACO GIRL TO WED—Miss Dorothy Bowie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyndall W. Bowie of Thornton Hall, Saco, whose engagement to Edward Van Wert Corney of Glen Ridge, N. J., is announced. Miss Bowie is a graduate of Perry Kindergarten School of Boston, and is a teacher of sub-primary at North Berwick. Mr. Corney is a general manager of J. G. Dearing and Son at Biddeford. He is leaving soon to enter the service.

FEBRUARY 22, 1943.

Saco Attorney Fatally Injured By Automobile

Attorney Joseph B. Dow of 501 Main street, Saco, one of York county's best-known practicing attorneys, and widely known as a breeder of prize-winning wire-haired terrier dogs, was instantly killed shortly after 11:30 o'clock last night, while walking in the roadway near his home, when struck by an automobile owned and operated by Mrs. Amber M. Kuntz of 41 Howard street, Portland.

Dr. George R. Love of Saco, York county medical examiner, in making an investigation at the Shumway funeral home, of the injuries causing the man's death, said that Mr. Dow had suffered a fractured skull and a broken right arm and leg as the result of being struck and run over by the machine operated by Mrs. Kuntz.

Visitor in Boston.

Mr. Dow had been a visitor in Boston during the day, attending the dog show in that city, an interested visitor at the different prize-winning canine exhibits, owing to his having a wide reputation in this part of New England as a successful breeder of wire-haired terriers, and other species of dogs. He arrived here on a train from Boston, shortly after 10 o'clock, and is believed to have taken a bus to ride to the intersection of Main and Beach streets, where he alighted and started to walk to his home on upper Main street, on the left-hand side of the road.

It has been reported to the police that he was seen walking along the same side of the highway by different persons until he had passed the main entrance to Thornton, where Headmaster of the School Hollis A. Sanderson resides.

Officers, in making an investigation of the accident, said this morning that it is believed Mr. Dow continued to walk along beside the highway until he arrived at a point almost directly in front of the home of Dr. C. E. Dutton, 475 Main street, a short distance from his own home, where he decided to cross the highway and failed to notice the approaching car being operated by Mrs. Kuntz, who was on her way to her Portland home after a visit in Saco with friends.

A person who was passing nearby at the time, hearing the sound of screeching brakes and looking in the direction from where the sounds came, noticed a man lying in the roadway and went to a nearby home to notify the police. Dr. Sargent Jealous happened to be a visitor at the home at that time and while the police were being called, Dr. Jealous hurried from the house to administer medical treatment to Mr. Dow lay prostrated in the middle of the three lane cement highway. A hasty examination disclosed that Mr. Dow had already expired from the injuries received.

Call Examiner

Deputy Marshal Ernest Hall, accompanied by Patrolman Leo Rondeau, arrived promptly upon the scene of the accident and

upon learning of the man having expired summoned Dr. George R. Love, York county medical examiner. After viewing the body Dr. Love said he would make a further examination today.

In conversing with Mrs. Kuntz a short time later, the operator of the machine responsible for Mr. Dow's death said that she was proceeding along the right hand lane of the road towards Portland and just before arriving at a point opposite the Dr. Dutton residence, another machine stopped suddenly in front of her. She steered her car sharply to the left and at the same time she noticed the form of a man in dark clothes in the middle of the highway. She hastily applied her brakes but due to icy road conditions she was unable to stop the car before it had struck Mr. Dow and felled him. It is believed that after being struck the two wheels on the left hand side of the car passed over the right side of the man's body.

After supplying all the information desired by the police she was ordered to appear at police headquarters this morning

at 10 o'clock when the investigation of the accident was to be continued. Upon Mrs. Kuntz appearance in Saco this morning she was taken before Judge Philip E. Graves and was ordered to recognize sureties to the amount of \$2,000, pending a hearing before city and county investigating officials on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. After providing the necessary bonds she was released pending Tuesday's hearing.

Born In This City.

Joseph B. Dow, 65, was born in this city, the son of James and Ella (Marden) Dow. He received his early education in the local schools and later attended Thornton academy. During his student period at that institution, he gained the distinction of being one of the outstanding varsity gridiron players, and the fame of Joe Dow as a football warrior is widely known in the early history of Thornton academy. After graduating from the academy he secured different types of employment, among which was a newspaper correspondent, from which he was able to accumulate enough savings to attend the Boston University Law school. After graduating from that school he returned to Saco, and upon being admitted to practice law here opened offices in Saco. For many years he had offices connected with the real estate place of business operated by the late H. R. Jordan in that city and performed much of the legal work connected with Mr. Jordan's extensive business.

He had continued to practice law ever since that period and was widely known in legal circles throughout southwestern Maine and other sections of the state. During his leisure time his major hobby was raising thoroughbred dogs, while he was also

known as an expert collector of antiques and spent much time in fishing many of the inland fish streams where he most always was able to land a good sized string of trout.

Was City Solicitor.

He served as city solicitor for several terms during one period of his younger life, and was also an active member of the York County Wheelmen's association and different fraternal organizations during his younger career. He was a member of the York County Bar association.

The news of his death has occasioned much grief for his wide circle of acquaintances and relatives and many fine expressions of sympathy are being expressed for his widow, who was Miss Marion E. Goodwin of Saco before marriage.

Besides his wife he leaves a brother, Ernest Dow of this city, and a niece, Miss Marion Dow. Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 spring street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JULY 30, 1943.

Mrs. Evelyn Mayo, Former Local Resident, Dies

Mrs. Evelyn M. Mayo, widow of Jeremiah Mayo, a former Biddeford resident, died in Arlington, Mass., Thursday morning, where she has resided in late years.

Funeral services will be held at the Hartwell chapel in Arlington Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Interment will take place in the family lot at Greenwood cemetery in this city at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. Mayo was Miss Mabel Shehan of this city before marriage. She was a compositor on the old-time papers in this city for several years. She was a sister of Adelbert B. Shehan, postal inspector.

APRIL 15, 1943.

Richard Bonser, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bonser, of Elm street, who received his B. S. de-



RICHARD BONSER.

gree from Cornell university, has reported to Columbia university, New York city, for indoctrination at the U. S. N. R. midship man's school.

OCTOBER 21, 1943.

McArthur Public Library To Mark 80th Anniversary

Pioneer As Tax Supported Project

It was 80 years ago next Sunday, Oct. 24, 1863, that the first free public library, supported by tax funds, was opened in Biddeford. It was, in fact, the first such library in Southern Maine. To be exact, there was only one other town or city in all Maine that could show, at this time, a similar community asset. That was the small town of Castine in the northern part of the state.

Other cities and towns in Maine and the United States had free libraries, but these were supported by private benevolence or by special societies. The idea of a tax fund supported library was still so new in American history that the great cities of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco and others still had no free public libraries like that of Biddeford.

Thus Biddeford's free public library—now the McArthur Library—celebrates its 80th anniversary this month with the added interest that it was one of the pioneer tax supported free public libraries in America.

Interesting Story.

How Biddeford came to have this library is a long and interesting story. It dates back to 1841, when a group of men prominent in business and industry organized a literary society which they named the York Mechanics Institute. In 1862 they offered the library's books and fixtures to the city, on condition that the city government agree to maintain them as a free library. Rooms in the city building were taken over for this purpose, and not quite four months after the battle of Gettysburg, the Biddeford Public Library was opened.

Thus the McArthur Public Library was founded in war. The first librarian was Octavus A. Deering, who carried on a printing business in the Crystal Arcade at the same time.

Then, in 1894, the old city building burned, on the last day of December. It was then felt that the library should have a building of its own, and less than two months after the fire the Biddeford Library and Reading Room Association was formed, with George N. Weymouth, William E. Youland, founder of the department store still bearing his name, and Royal E. Gould, superintendent of Biddeford schools, among the charter members.

Mr. Weymouth, who was an attorney, called on Miss Elizabeth Stevens in March, 1881, to make her will. She lived in the home of Charles McIntire on the southwest corner of Birch and Alfred streets. Miss Stevens told Attorney Weymouth that she had saved about \$3,500 in United States bonds and would like to put them to some public use. Mr. Weymouth suggested to her that while Biddeford had a small public library, it did not have anything in the nature of a public reading room. The idea pleased

Miss Stevens, who accordingly directed that her will contain a provision putting her United States bonds in trust until they had increased enough in value to provide for "purchasing or erecting a building in Biddeford, to be used as a public reading room."

In 1895 the bonds had risen to \$6,000 in value. As a result on October 14, 1896, the library was finally reopened in the new city building. Finally the Stevens fund amounted to \$8,000 and again the Library Association considered the purchase or erec-

tion of a library building.

Pavilion Church

At this time the members of the Third Congregational church—popularly known as the Pavilion church—decided to give up their separate organization and in July, 1900, the church membership voted to sell the building to the Library Association for the amount of the mortgage.

The idea took hold. The Library began to ask for pledges and on December 3, 1900, all the churches of Biddeford observed what was called "Library Sunday" in an effort to raise additional funds.

It was then that Robert McArthur, for 23 years agent of the Pepperell mills, came forward and offered to advance the entire amount of the church mortgage, more than \$8,000 that made the transfer of the church building to the Library Association possible. The gift was so appreciated at the time that, in spite of Mr. McArthur's modest preference that some other name be chosen, the building was immediately named the McArthur Library. In November, 1901, the building was decided to the Library Association with the stipulation that it never be used "except for a free library and reading room."

Splendid Interest

The growth so well begun by Mr. McArthur continued after his death, aided greatly by the splendid interest taken by his heirs in maintaining the library on the lines laid down by Mr. McArthur.

In 1930 Daniel E. Owen, a member by marriage of Mr. McArthur's family, resigned as professor of English literature at the University of Pennsylvania and returned to make his home in Biddeford. Becoming president of the association in 1934 he made a careful study of the library's facilities and speedily saw that it needed more space in which to grow. Extensive changes were made, which cost in excess of \$6,000, wholly without cost to the city of Biddeford.

Biddeford can justly be proud of its McArthur public library and of Elizabeth Stevens, Robert McArthur and Daniel E. Owen, the public-spirited citizens who so largely and generously gave that library its present home and scope and form.

This in brief is the history of the McArthur public library.

OCTOBER 18, 1943.

Mrs. Dayton T. Moore Succumbs After Long Illness

Mrs. Nellie Florence Moore, widow of Dayton T. Moore, a prominent and highly respected life-long Biddeford and Saco

Portland Press Herald,
October 18, 1943



BRIDE-ELECT—Miss Marjorie G. Ross, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Ross of 100 Middle Street, Saco, whose engagement to William Robert Johnston, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Johnston of 125 Middle Street, has been announced by her parents. Miss Ross, a graduate of Thornton Academy in 1942, is employed in the Saco office of the Western Union Telegraph Company. Mr. Johnston, a graduate of Thornton in 1940, was employed at the Saco-Lowell shops before enlisting in the Naval Construction Battalion. No date has been announced for the wedding.

resident, died Sunday at her home, 630 Main street, Saco, where she has made her home for the past 22 years, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Moore was born in this city, the daughter of the late Simon and Mary (Parcher) Newcomb. She attended Biddeford public schools and was graduated from the high school in this city in the class of 1876. Later for several years she studied abroad at leading universities. She was one of the early members joining the Thursday club. During her younger life she was most prominent in the former Lotus club of this city, which for many years was one of the leading social and literary clubs in this part of York county. During Mrs. Moore's residence in the two cities, she made the acquaintance of a large circle of staunch friends.

She is survived by three sons, Byron N. and Roger P. Moore of Saco and Robert M. Moore of this city; a daughter, Mrs. Mollie M. Willard of Saco; two sisters, Mrs. W. I. Johnson and Miss Angie Newcomb of Saco; a brother, Arthur S. Newcomb, Southern Pines, N. C.; five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services which will be private will be conducted at her late home, 630 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

OCTOBER 16, 1943.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy V. Ross of 100 Middle street, Saco, are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Gertrude, to William Robert Johnston, 3rd, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Johnston, Jr., of 125 Middle street, Saco.

Miss Ross, a graduate of Thornton academy, in the class of 1942, is an employe of the Western Union Telegraph Company in this city.

Mr. Johnston, a graduate of Thornton academy, in the class of 1940, was employed by the Saco-Lowell Shops prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Naval Construction battalion.

No date has been set for the wedding.

—Portland.—April 7, 1946

Emmons-Maybury Troth Announced



Miss Esther Maybury

Saco, April 6—The engagement of Miss Esther Maybury, a home service advisor for the Central Maine Power Company, to Leavitt Emmons, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold L. Emmons of 62 Spring Street, has been announced by her mother, Mrs. Ruth D. Maybury of Scammon Street.

Miss Maybury was graduated from Thornton Academy and received her bachelor of science degree in home economics at Farmington State Teachers College.

Mr. Emmons is a graduate of Thornton Academy and attended the University of Maine. He served as a flight engineer in the Air Corps in the European and Pacific theaters and has been employed at the Kings Navy Yard since his return.

MARCH 31, 1943.

THORNTON HONOR STUDENTS



Selected by Thornton faculty as honor students of the class of 1943. All five will speak at graduation exercises. Top, left to right: Doris Jean Foran, Nancy Fairfield. Center: Earle Dawley. Bottom, left to right: Eleanor Louise Barker and Mary Louise Sawyer.

Thornton Selects Honor Students For Graduation

The Thornton academy faculty has selected the following honor students to be graduation speakers. In making these selections the faculty has taken into consideration not only the scholastic standing but the general attitude of the student toward all school activities.

MISS ELEANOR LOUISE BARKER, daughter of Mrs. Fred Barker, 8 Weymouth street, Saco. Miss Barker has been a member of the Girl Reserves and Thornton Glee club for four years. She has also been interested in interclass sports. Miss Barker is a student in the stenographic curriculum and a member of the National Honor Society.

EARLE DAWLEY, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Dawley of Dayton. Mr. Dawley has been a member of the lacrosse team and will graduate in the industrial arts curriculum.

MISS NANCY FAIRFIELD, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Fairfield, 5 Hatching street, Saco. Miss Fairfield has been interested in dramatics and interclass sports at Thornton and has served as a senior office clerk in the

school office. Miss Fairfield is a student in the stenographic curriculum.

MISS DORIS JEAN FORAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foran, 61 High street, Saco. Miss Foran is a member of the Girl Reserves and assistant editor of the year book. She has been interested in interclass sports and a senior office clerk in the school office. Miss Foran is a student in the college classical curriculum and a member of the National Honor Society.

MISS MARY LOUISE SAWYER, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Sawyer, 25 Winter street, Saco. Miss Sawyer has been an active member of the Girl Reserves for four years, interested in interclass sports and a member of the editorial staff for the year book. Miss Sawyer will be graduated from the college classical curriculum and is a member of the National Honor Society.

Members to be elected to the National Honor society by vote of the Thornton academy are as follows: Miss Eleanor

Louise Barker, Miss Doris Jean Foran and Miss Mary Louise Sawyer.

The following senior was also elected a member of the National Honor society, Miss Jean Mary Scammon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley A. Scammon, Buxton road, Saco. Miss Scammon has been an active member of the Girl Reserves for four years and is serving as their president this year. She is interested in interclass sports and served as a senior office clerk in the school office this year. She will graduate from the clerical curriculum.

The following juniors were also elected to membership in this association: Richard Arthur Maxwell, son of Arthur Maxwell, 243 Alfred street, this city. Mr. Maxwell is pursuing the scientific curriculum; Miss Mary Newcomb Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moore, 292 Alfred street, this city. Miss Moore is pursuing the college classical curriculum; Richard Theodore Tracy, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Tracy, Coolidge avenue, Saco. Mr. Tracy is also a student in the college scientific curriculum.

JULY 3, 1943.

Eugene Hanson, Retired, Dies Suddenly

Postoffice Worker 44 Years

Eugene Hanson, prominent life-long Biddeford resident and retired U. S. postal clerk, died at his home, 282 Elm street, this morning. The news of his death came as a severe shock to his wide circle of acquaintances and former associates at the local postoffice, among whom he was highly esteemed, and who were not aware of his condition being so serious at this time. While he has been in failing health during the past few days, he has been able to enjoy short daily walks about the central business district up to within a short time. During the past month his condition had declined to quite an extent, but he was able to be up and around the house during the greater part of this period. His age was 79 years and four months.

He was the son of Hiram and Eunice M. (Smith) Hanson. He was educated in the local schools and first entered the service of the U. S. postoffice department in 1890 as a substitute mail-carrier. After serving in this capacity for three years, he was transferred to the postal clerks' staff. He served continuously as a clerk at the local postoffice from that time until March 31, 1934, when he retired. During his career as a postal worker and superintendent of mails he served under the following postmasters, E. E. Clark, Jere G. Shaw, Charles E. Atwood, Joseph E. Brooks, Edward J. Gove and Ernest L. Harmon.

Mr. Hanson was most popular with his superior officials, his associate workers and among the regular patrons of the postal de-

partments where he was employed for 44 years. His pleasing personality and genial disposition earned for him many friends wherever he journeyed. His death brought many expressions of sympathy to his widow, Lena C. Chadbourne Hanson, who he married on June 23, 1909, and other relatives.

He was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Kora Temple Shrine, Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, York chapter, United Baptist church of Saco. He was also a member of the York County Wheelmen's association for many years during the existence of that prominent local organization.

He is survived by his widow and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

AUGUST 16, 1943.



EDMUND J. CURTIS

Edmund J. Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Curtis, 64A Mason street, this city, was grad-

JULY 21, 1943.

Native Of This City Dies In Haverhill, Mass.

To Be Buried In Greenwood

Mary Leavitt Emery, widow of Harry R. Emery, died at her home Tuesday. Mrs. Emery, daughter of the late Capt. George W. Leavitt and the late Jane Lowell Leavitt, was born in Biddeford and spent her early life here. For many years she had been a resident of Haverhill.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Sophie Snow, a niece, Mrs. Jane L. L. Folsom of this city, a nephew, Otto R. Snow, of Haverhill and several grand-nieces and nephews.

Committal services will be held at Greenwood cemetery, this city, Thursday at 2 p. m.

DECEMBER 15, 1941.



SETTING UP AIR RAID WARDEN COVERAGE FOR SACO—Standing: Mayor Gerry B. Nutting of Saco, and Civilian Defense Coordinator I. Harold Angell of Saco. Seated: Col. Harry Goodier, George Martin and Harry

Sawyer, who are setting up the air-raid warden patrols for the city of Saco. They have mapped the city and assigned a chief warden for each area, with the chief wardens to appoint wardens for each section as needed.

Biddeford Journal Photo.

OCTOBER 30, 1942.

Turning Post Office Clock Back 50 years Shows Some Changes In Mail Handling

The sending and receipt of mail is an event of great interest to most of us even in this day of many other often used means of communication.

In 1892, it was as much of the regular routine of the day, to visit the postoffice to inquire for recently arrived mail, and perchance to send out a letter, as the required washing of the teeth with a powder-base dentifrice.

Such visits furnished opportunities for the surreptitious meetings of the "flaming youths" and maidens of that long 50 years ago.

Old Directory has facts about and names of that postoffice staff of 1892. Its personnel and details of daily schedule are of deep interest to oldsters and their descendants still residing here.

1892 Location.

Fifty years ago, family representatives of the less-than-10,000 citizens walked east or west on Main street to numbers 155 and 157 for mail inquiries or delivery.

By the modern system of numbering on Biddeford's main thoroughfare, this would have been at a location now occupied by the

American Clothing Co. and the Bell Shop to the west on the southwesterly side of the business street.

Under the old numbering method, 155 and 157 Main street and the postoffice's then site was in City building, in the same rooms as now used by the York County Savings bank. The entrance was at a point either from South street or from two Main street portals.

Employees usually entered through a side door that hung from hinges in a corridor-entry, also having a South street entrance. This city building entrance was closed off some years ago.

Long Office Hours.

Office hours were from 7 a. m., to 8 p. m., in 1892.

Tradition has it that Postmaster Elisha E. Clark was punctual and present at each day's opening and closing of the office.

A man of imposing stature, immaculately attired always, Postmaster Clark is said to have had the honor of first establishing the carrier system of mail delivery to local citizens under federal authorization.

It is vividly recalled that the postmaster, finding his limited staff of carriers had become depleted by illness, took a bag on one of the very stormy days of winter and "walked the route" to the end.

Older citizens may recall his residence at 33 Jefferson street in 1892.

Clerks, Carriers, Etc.

Three clerks, a male and two members of the opposite sex, composed the clerical staff in the 50-year-ago postoffice.

There were five men on the carriers list and one substitute carrier.

Adelbert B. Sheehan, was the male clerk that greeted 1892 citizens and carried on much of the work expected of clerks in that period.

It is stated that Miss Sadie C. Littlefield and Mrs. Ella F. Pillsbury, the women clerks, were equally proficient in all matters of postal business of the times, the latter serving as money order clerk.

Dogs, Sidewalks, Etc.

Carriers Llewellyn E. Holt, George Emery, John F. Dow, Herbert Gray and John S. Grant could vouch for the truth of the statement that they traveled extra miles each day on their routes in having to walk up one side of ruts in the unpaved streets of 1892 and an equal distance down the other side.

Sidewalks of the day are stated to have been even more "hard on feet" encased in high-top and often brass-toed shoes of the period.

Your detailer is assured that dogs of 50 years ago were not

only more numerous but much less docile than the modern canines. They "ganged-up" on the man who looked different to them in seldom seen uniforms. They were inquisitive, suspicious and 'downright ornery' were dogs of Old Directory listed citizens.

Tailors of the day and women folks of the carriers' family became expert at mending tooth-snagged tears in pantaloons.

Yards were often fenced in in 1892 and it is stated that one of the pieces of information passed along to new mail carriers taking over in 1892 was the number of seconds it would take to reach certain gates of safe yards near where particularly ferocious pups held domination over the neighborhood.

Debt of Gratitude.

An oldster who was young in Old Directory days has put forth the timely thought that the many uniformed men who call at homes and business houses today owe the 1892 mail carriers a debt of

gratitude for "pioneering," and, so to speak, establishing a well-defined safe trail.

Some Postal Rules

Some 1892 postal rules: Postmasters are permitted to read postal cards to prohibit the mailing of obscene literature.

Persons sending postal cards and who write upon the address side of them "in haste" or other words unconnected with their delivery, subject them to letter postage and they are held as unavailable.

JULY 12, 1943.

William Fields, Former Business Man Here, Dies

William H. Field, a widely known local resident and retired business man died at a local hospital Sunday afternoon, following a lengthy illness. His age was 61 years, 4 months and 17 days. For a long period of years previous to his active retirement 10 years ago, Mr. Field conducted piano and organ salesrooms in this city and also was a dealer in various other kinds of musical instruments and supplies.

He was born in Holden, the son of Jesse and Eliza Field. He resided on South street and later on Mount Pleasant street in this city for a long period of time during his active business career, previous to his retiring owing to failing health and going to Saco to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. June Boothby of the Buxton road. He was held in the highest of esteem by his many former business associates and regular patrons of his salesrooms for his upright business principles.

He is survived by a son, Leon Field of Andover, Mass., two daughters, Mrs. June Boothby of Saco and Mrs. Maude Gordon of St. Petersburg, Florida, also five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.



BIDDEFORD BRIDAL—Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Willett who were married Saturday evening at St. Mary's rectory, Biddeford. Mrs. Willett (Miss Pauline F. Grondin) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Grondin of 21 Western Avenue, Biddeford. Mr. Willett is the son of Mrs. Beryl Willett and the late Mott Willett of Lincoln Street, Saco. Mrs. Willett is a graduate of Biddeford High School and has been employed in the clerical department of the J. G. Deering and Sons Lumber Co. Willett graduated from Thornton Academy and is now a third class petty officer in the Navy.

By Staff Photographer

NOVEMBER 2, 1943.

Lawrence Doe Succumbs After Long Illness

Former Saco City Clerk

Much sorrow was being expressed today by the many friends in the two cities and neighboring communities on the death of Lawrence A. Doe of Camp Ellis, more familiarly known as "Babe" Doe, which occurred at the home of his wife's mother, Mrs. Charles Thompson, 99 Bradley street, Monday evening, following a lengthy illness. Mr. Doe was a former city clerk of Saco and for a period of 25 years previous to entering the employ of the York National bank as a teller, was employed in a secretarial position at the offices of the York Manufac-

turing company. His age was 52 years.

Mr. Doe was born in Saco, son of Loring B. and Clara Adams Doe. He was educated in the Saco schools and later entered the employ of the York Manufacturing company. He was extremely popular with the officials and patrons of the York National bank, where he had been employed up to the time of his final illness, and also among the former officials and employees of the York mills during the long period he was employed by the Saco textile concern.

He always manifested a keen interest in current events and of all youth welfare movements in the two cities and often served as an official and member of various committees in charge of conducting campaigns for local, state, and national charitable and welfare causes. In his passing away the community has suffered the loss of one of its most popular life-long residents.

Mr. Doe was a member of Saco lodge F. and A. M., a past high priest of York chapter, Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters, a past patron of Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star and he was an attendant of the United Baptist church of Saco.

Besides his wife, Elizabeth H. Doe, he is survived by his mother,

Mrs. Clara A. Doe, a daughter, Mrs. Alfred Martin, a granddaughter, Miss Judith Martin, one brother, Rufus L. Doe, and his sister, Mrs. Helen Nutter, the latter a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DECEMBER 17, 1943.

Death Takes Edward Seidel In Springfield

Was Drug Clerk For Many Years

Edward Francis Seidel, registered pharmacist, brother of Miss Mary Seidel, and former County Attorney Robert B. Seidel of this city, a former widely known Saco and Biddeford resident, died at a hospital in Springfield, Mass., Thursday afternoon. His age was 69 years.

Born in Saco Nov. 19, 1874, the son of John and Ellen (Knowles) Seidel, he became a resident of this city when a young boy when his parents moved to this city. After attending the public schools here, he obtained employment in the local mills, leaving his work a short time later to accept a position as clerk in the clothing and gents' furnishing goods store conducted on Main street by Rowland Hill. He later expressed desires to learn the druggist trade and entered the employ of his brother, the late Harry Seidel, at his drug store in Masonic building, where he studied and worked for a number of years, during which time he passed the state examinations for a registerer pharmacist certificate.

He left here about 20 years ago to accept a registered drug clerk's position in Springfield, Mass., where he had made his home during the larger part of this period. In addition to holding certificates of the profession he followed during the larger part of his life in Maine and Massachusetts, he also held another in the State of New York.

He had a wide circle of friends in the two cities, in Springfield and in other sections of New England. While he had been in failing health for some time, it was only recently his condition became so grave that he was forced to seek treatment at the institution where he died.

Mr. Seidel will be remembered here as possessing a pleasing personality and genial disposition, which easily gained for him many new friends throughout his travels.

Member of Emmets.

He was a member of the former Emmet Literary society of this city and will be remembered by some of the older football fans here as one of the outstanding football players of the eleven, sponsored by the club. During his residence here he was an active member and worker of St. Mary's parish.

He is survived by his sister, Miss Mary Seidel; his brother, Atty. Robert B. Seidel; two neph-

NOVEMBER 12, 1943.

Rufus M. Wingate Dies Suddenly

Rufus M. Wingate, life-long Saco resident, who for many years conducted a neighborhood grocery store on James street, Saco, died suddenly Armistice day morning at his home, 69 James street. He observed his 79th birthday August 8, this year.

He was born in Saco, the son of the late Jesse and Martha (Avery) Wingate. He was educated in the Saco schools. At one period during his younger career he operated a confectionery, fruit and ice cream parlor or place of business with William Gannon on Main street, Saco. Later he was employed in the York mills, previous to engaging in the grocery business which he disposed of some time ago previous to retiring from active work. He had many friends in the two cities who will be deeply shocked to learn of his death. He was an attendant of the United Baptist church. Besides his wife, Mrs. Catherine Wingate, he leaves a niece, Mrs. Jessie Willey of Westbrook.

Funeral services, which will be private, will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is requested that flowers be omitted.

NOVEMBER 10, 1943.

Saco Girl Wins Promotion To Technician

WAC PFC. Bettina N. Goodier, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel Harry Goodier, USA, reserves, and wife of 31 North street, Saco,



BETTINA GOODIER

has been promoted to the rank of technician 5th grade at Carlisle Army air field, Carlisle, New Mexico. The present rank of the well known Saco young lady is equivalent in army terms to that of a corporal. T-5 Goodier is now assigned as a laboratory technician in the base hospital.

EMPLOYEES ACCEPTING AWARDS



Employees of the Saco-Lowell Shops chosen to represent the employees in receiving of the awards. Front row, left to right: Sadie Weatherly and James G. Crossley, the latter superintendent of

the Saco-Lowell Shops. Back row, left to right: Arthur Russell, William Emery and Heliodore Laverdiere.

AUGUST 20, 1943.

Clarence Percy, Saco Druggist, Called By Death

Prominent In Community Life

Clarence L. Percy, prominent retired Saco pharmacist and drug store operator, a widely-known and highly respected resident of the two cities for the past 40 years, died at his home, 37 Beach street, Saco, early this morning, following a lengthy illness. While he had been in failing health for the past several years he managed to be out and around and enjoy short daily walks up to within a few weeks. His death will be learned of by his wide circle of local friends, former patrons of the different pharmacies which he operated and former business associates with deep sympathy being expressed for his widow, Mrs. Cora M. Percy.

Mr. Percy was born in this city, the son of the late Lewis and Marilla (Loeke) Percy. His father, a Civil War veteran, who died only a few years ago, was one of the last few surviving local members of the Grand Order of the

Republic. He attended the local public schools and later graduated from Norwich academy and Gray's Business college. When a young man he entered the employ of Stephen S. Mitchell, one of the pioneer drug-store operators of Saco and later became a registered pharmacist. At one period during his younger career he conducted a drug store in partnership with the late Henry R. Denriett on Main street, Saco, under the name of Percy and Denriett.

After retiring from the concern some years later he was engaged in selling automobiles and insurance. Later, he purchased the drug store in Masonic building, formerly operated by Edward J. Bradbury, and after conducting the store for several years disposed of it in 1937, owing to failing health to Howard P. Gowen, and retired.

Interested in Youth.

He was always deeply interested in all youth movements and matters pertaining to the future welfare of the city where he had made his home. In his passing the community has experienced the loss of one of its leading citizens. He was among the first local residents to become owner of a gasoline-operated motor vehicle and also to serve as agent for different popular makes of automobiles.

For many years he was actively affiliated with Saco Lodge, F. & A. M., York Chapter, Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, and the First Parish Congregational church.

He is survived by his wife, Cora M., and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at his late home, 37 Beach street, Saco, Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DECEMBER 20, 1943.

Well-Known Business Woman Dies Suddenly

Mrs. C. J. Murphy Prominent Here

Mrs. Julia Anastasia Murphy widow of Charles J. Murphy, owner of Murphy's music store in City building on Main street, widely known for many years in musical circles of the two cities, died at a hospital here Saturday evening only a short time after being admitted to the institution for treatment. Her age was 67 years. The news of her death comes as a severe shock to her many relatives, friends and business associates, among whom she was highly esteemed, and many fine expressions of sympathy are being extended to the bereaved family members. While she had been suffering from a severe cold for several days she remained at her place of business throughout the day Saturday. It was not until she reached her home about 9.30

o'clock that she experienced a severe ill turn, and her attending physician advised her immediate removal in an ambulance to a hospital. She died a short time after arriving at the institution.

Native of This City

Mrs. Murphy was born in this city, the daughter of Dennis and Hannah O'Connor. She was a graduate of the Biddeford public and high schools. After leaving school she pursued a course of music under many prominent piano instructors. During her younger life for many years she served as pianist for many of the best known orchestras. On numerous occasions she also served as a piano soloist at different recitals, musicales and concerts given in different parts of York county. She instructed many piano pupils who desired her services as an instructor. Since the death of her husband, the late Charles J. Murphy, she has operated the music and musical instruments business which he founded several years ago. She will long be remembered by many of the patrons of her store and music lovers of the two cities for the advice and information freely supplied them in attempting to solve their musical problems.

She was a most active member and worker of St. Marys church, the Assumption sodality connected with the parish and of the Thursday club for many years.

She is survived by two daughters, Miss Margaret Murphy, R. N., of this city and Mrs. Eileen Bernard of Caribou; two sons Corporal Charles Murphy, USA, at present stationed in England and Joseph N. Murphy of Biddeford; a brother, Dennis O'Connor of California; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Broggi of Sanford and Mrs. John E. Dodd of Framingham, Mass.

Body At Home

The body has been prepared for burial and it at the Murphy home at 274 Main street, where friends are invited to call previous to funeral services, to be held at St. Marys church Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

JULY 13, 1943.

Report Death Of Mrs. Charles Norton In Brockton

Mrs. Edith M. Norton, wife of Charles Norton of Brockton, Mass., a former well known Saco resident, died suddenly at her home on Friday, July 2, as the result of a heart attack. She was the daughter of Thomas and Dorcas Lowell of Saco, and the larger part of her younger life was spent in that city. Her husband, for many years previous to the time the couple went to Massachusetts, where they have resided in late years, was a member of the firm of Norton and Barnes, who operated a barber shop on Main street in that city.

Her surviving relatives are her husband, a son, T. Lowell Norton of Buffalo, N. Y., two grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. John Lacy of Saco.

RECEIVES DIPLOMA FOR SON



Mrs. Jesse E. Rumery, Curtis Cove, mother of Reed W. Rumery, first class seaman, U. S. Navy Signal corps, receives her son's Thornton academy diploma from Judge John P. Deering, president of the board of trustees, at exercises staged Friday morning at the school. Seaman Rumery left school last year to enlist in the Navy, and he is the first Thornton student to be awarded a diploma under the voluntary training program offered by the service.

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Washington Of Century Ago Site Of Duels And Oratory

Maine Governor Wrote Of His Trip

By Richard Hallet

Gov. John Fairfield's diary shows us Washington as a State of Maine Congressman saw it in the 1830s. It would be hard to find anywhere a better picture of the times.

Governor Fairfield's room on the fourth floor of Mrs. Hill's house on Pennsylvania Avenue, had a wood fire for heat and two spermaceti candles and a large lamp with two cents worth of lard for light. Under his washstand was a keeler for washing his feet. His habit was to get up early, and pouring a dipper of warm water over him, rub himself with a hair mitten. When dressed and shaved, he read two chapters of the Bible, and then glanced at the Globe and Intelligencer for political news. A boy with a bag took his mail away. The servant Sam brushed his clothes and he breakfasted below stairs.

His breakfast of beef steak, mutton cutlet and boiled turkey with oyster sauce, seems not to have agreed with him and he writes his wife in Saco, "I long for a cup of home coffee, a loaf of rye and Indian with a crust as thick of your foot, and mince fish smoking from the kettle, warmed in pork and eaten with mustard." He gives her directions also to buy some of Mr. Clark's Spanish potatoes, and seals the letter with his watch seal—the emblem of pleasure, he says. At any rate, it's a dancing girl.

Snuff, Liquor Handy

Then came the halls of Congress.



Photo by Wayne Buxton.
Gov. John Fairfield, 1843-47

there. A silver urn, filled with the choicest old Scotch snuff, stood handy. Snuff stimulated flagging brains. Again there was a beverage called "Switchell," made of molasses, ginger, water and Jamaica. This was drunk during debates, to put ginger into them, hope, and not molasses.

Debates were informal. We catch glimpses of Henry Clay eating striped candy, of Sam Houston whittling in the aisle, of John Ran-

dolph shaking his bony finger at the dog under his desk. Wives came and sat on the arms of the Senators' chairs. Women addressed the House from the balcony. When Daniel Webster spoke in the Senate, the House emptied to hear him. But not all were as worth listening to, we gather, as Webster.

"Some of them set the mill a-going without stopping to see if there is anything in the hopper," Gov. Fairfield complains. "I wish these gabbles had their mouths full of hot water." A certain member speaks like somebody in a chest with the lid nailed down. Another like a mouse in a cheese. Some men talked with their heads, butting like mad rams at the stone wall of opposition. Lane of Indiana roars and spouts like a cataract and throws spray over us." A Cherokee Indian addressed the House in a frock coat and pantaloons and gave a war-whoop.

Of the duel fought between Bynum of North Carolina and Jennier of Maryland, Fairfield says "A crime, but if a few of the opposition should get peppered a bit it would mend their manners in the house."

Followed Horses

He refers perhaps to the day when the Congress adjourned, for, lacking a quorum, "Members having gone off to the race-course where a purse of \$20,000 was to be run for."

As for duels in general—in each house were the official pen-makers, who mended goose-quills, but there were no menders of the manners of the legislators. They were easily ruffled, took umbrage at a word. The top of John Quincy Adams' head, as white as alabaster in repose, grew red as a carnation under the lash of criticism, and Henry Clay's nose, as well as his tongue, was brilliant in debate.

The least talk of slavery brought Southerners to their feet in a rage. When a member closed his speech, a dozen were on their feet to "have a touch at him." Handsome Frank Pierce, when called a dough-face, said that he would fight if anyone would challenge him. The House, full of dust daylines from "the scuff-fleers and the ranters" fought shy of night sessions, fearing that members might be "too winy and too talkative." Besides, there were always concealed seasons somewhere in the Chamber, and there was no telling where the thing might end, if some of these honest four-bottle men jumped to their feet, and began barking up the wrong tree. One duel had been fought because a member denounced the course of the Administration as ungentlemanly.

Wine In Veins

So much for Congress. Meanwhile Clay and Webster and Calhoun thundered their great speeches, and Governor Fairfield's bad leg got worse. He took a solution of illynum vitae shavings and rose leaves. Finally a Washington doctor opened his knee and injected port-wine.

And so, in the end, and after all, the Governor died of his doctor, and not of the Debates.

OCTOBER 11, 1943.

Former Beach Resident Dies In Kentucky

Mrs. Bina Cleaves Well-Known

Mrs. Bina S. Cleaves, widow of Thomas L. Cleaves, formerly of Portland avenue, Old Orchard Beach, a widely-known and most highly esteemed resident of that community for a long period of years, died in Louisville, Ky., last Saturday, where she had been residing with her daughter, Mrs. John T. O'Rourke, during the past year. Her age was 76 years.

Mrs. Cleaves was born in

Brunswick, July 3, 1867, the daughter of James and Julia Sylvester. She received her early education in the schools of her native community but resided in Old Orchard Beach during the larger part of her life. She was greatly admired for her many fine qualities and her ever willingness to assist others. Her numerous charitable deeds will long be remembered. During the business career of her late husband, Thomas L. Cleaves, a former member of the Old Orchard Beach board of selectmen and widely-known York county Democratic leader, she assisted in the operation of the widely-famed Cleaves restaurant located on the railroad board-walk at Old Orchard Beach, for many years previous to the big 1907 conflagration at that summer resort and later conducted at a new site in Railroad square.

Following the death of her husband, several years ago, the couple having some time previous retired from the restaurant business, Mrs. Cleaves operated the Cleaves bowling alleys on Old Orchard street, previous to disposing of the business to Louis Mansey over a year ago.

During her younger life, when health permitted, she was actively interested as a member and worker of various York county social, literary and garden club organizations.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Helen C. O'Rourke, wife of Dr. John T. O'Rourke, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Marion C. Clifford, wife of Earle R. Clifford of South Paris; a sister, Mrs. Elmer Eaton, and a brother, James Sylvester, both of New-castle, N. H., and three grandchildren, Lt. Thomas L. Clifford, USA, Helene Louise Clifford and Earle R. Clifford of the U. S. Marines.

The body arrived by train here this morning from Kentucky and accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. J. T. O'Rourke, was taken to the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 35 Main street, Saco, where funeral services are to be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Burial will be in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

NOVEMBER 20, 1944

Clarence A. Foss Dies At 69 Years

Clarence A. Foss, 69, of the Portland road, Saco, for the past nine years, retired electrotypist, died suddenly Saturday at a Portland hospital.

Born in Saco, he was the son of Sevillian and Nellie (Moore) Foss. An electro-typist, he followed this occupation for many years while in the employ of New York concerns previous to retiring and returning to Saco to make his home.

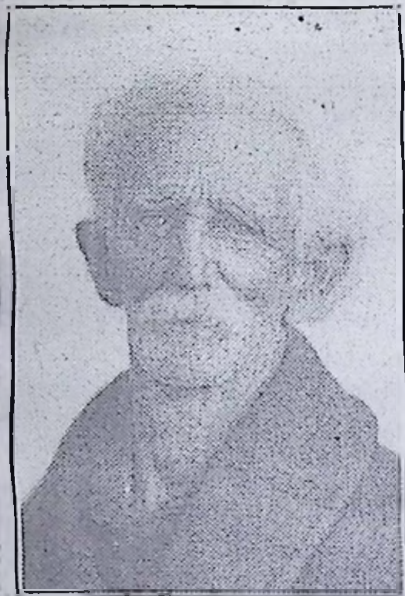
He leaves two brothers, Martin M. and Ralph Foss, both of New York.

Private funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home Tuesday afternoon at 1. Friends are asked to omit flowers.

Death Takes Horace Free At Home In Saco

Prominent In Sports World

Horace Valentine Free, an outstanding figure in local sporting circles for years, walker, boatman and competitor in other sports for years, died yesterday



HORACE FREE

at his home, 26 Glenwood avenue, Saco, following a long illness. His age was 86 years. The genial, old resident, a familiar figure in this city and Saco, was probably known to as many residents as any person in either city.

Horace was born in this city but had made his home in Saco for 23 years. When younger he was employed with his father in a dye house which the latter conducted many years.

Becoming quite prominent as a walker, for several years Horace took on all competitors over five and 10-mile distances. Even when in his 70's he took on much younger competitors and usually won the events in which he entered. He tried professional boxing when younger and appeared in rings here several times.

One of his favorite sports events, however, was tub racing and small boat racing on the river, with Gus Smart usually providing the competition. Always ready to accept a challenge, Horace was kept busy competing in various events and few years went by without his having competed in some outstanding sports event since he was a young man. He distributed handbills about the city for several years. Although his health had failed steadily for the past five years or so, up to a year or so ago Horace was still ready to take on any challengers for walking matches or other events.

Everybody greeted Horace and he always appeared to maintain the same affable and cheery disposition, having a greeting for

Several times he walked from Saco to Portland and return and referred to these trips as an appetizer for dinner.

"Lightweight Champ."

He gave an exhibition in Marble Hall for the lightweight championship of the two cities. In an account of the match the Journal reporter describes Horace as coming on the stage dressed in red pants and green sweater. His legs no bigger than pipe stems, Horace bowed and the big audience roared. There were only four rounds but they were fast and furious. Some one in the audience got excited, yelling: "Look out, Horace, or you will hit him." The judges declared the bout a draw in sympathy with Horace. It has been referred to by sports as the classic of the ages.

In referring to his habits he said he never drank liquor or smoked tobacco. He had not eaten meat for years, lived on vegetable soup and rolled oats. He said he had never had any sickness, and in a statement made in 1934 he is quoted as saying he was just as "kinky" as ever.

Married at 60.

He married when he was over 60 years old and of this union four children were born.

He leaves his wife who was Miss Lucy Neary before marriage; three daughters, Mrs. Marcel Gilbert, Taunton, Mass., Mrs. Ursaline Lapointe and Mrs. Robert Rowe of Saco, and a son, Horace P. Free, who is serving with a bomber crew overseas.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

DECEMBER 28, 1943.

Miss Ethel Lord Succumbs After Long Illness

Formerly In Yarn Business

Miss Ethel Irene Lord, life-long resident of Saco, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Estelle L. Sands, Bay View, this morning, following a long illness. Her age was 61 years, 11 months and 20 days.

She was born in Saco, daughter of Abram T. and Ellen M. (Rowell) Lord.

Miss Lord leaves a brother, George F. Lord of Portland, two sisters, Mrs. Estelle Lord Sands and Miss Lena Lord, both of Saco.

She had a wide circle of friends in the city and vicinity, and was active with the Madisses of First Parish Congregational church for 16 years. A woman of kindly disposition, always willing to lend a helping hand to friends, she was held in high esteem. She served as an instructress and as an occupational aide at Army and Navy hospitals for several years. For a time she conducted a yarn shop in Saco, retiring a few years ago.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

Friends are requested to omit flowers.

OCTOBER 26, 1942.

Another Trip Down Memory Lane Through Old City Directory

Old Directory detailer this week, for no apparent reason, gets back to 1892 and druggists, apothecaries and chemists of that period. It is possibly good judgment to list physicians of 50 years ago at the same time, for in several instances they were closely identified with some of the Main street shops.

Dr. Joseph Alfred Souland and J. T. Thivierge were dealers in drugs, medicines and chemicals at 107 Main street, Biddeford in that year.

The Marble block drug store at 83 Main street, this city, was operated by Dr. George G. Beliveau, and H. A. Weymouth, M. D., conducted a drug and chemical shop at 42 Main street, Saco.

Mitchell & Oakes were likewise Saco druggists of that year, as was C. H. Sawyer at 52 Main street, Saco.

Returning to Biddeford we find that the H. Boynton & Co., were at 74 Main street in 1892; John Berry's place was at 147 Main street; James Costello, 22 Alfred street; Parkhurst & Murnane, 128 Main street; Dr. Narcisse Thivierge, 77 Main street; J. C. Walker, 221 Main street, and Dr. Francis G. Warren, 159 Main street.

A list of apothecaries in Biddeford a half century ago follows: F. Bernier, Elm street, corner of Center street; Dr. Addison Brawn, 4 Jordan's block; Dr. J. E. LaRocque, 97 Main street; Thomas Moran, Jr., 237 Main street; Dennis O'Connor, 206 Main street.

Saco apothecaries then were: Lora D. Dennett, 43 Main street, and S. L. Lord, 59 Main street, Factory Island.

Twelve physicians were listed in Saco with Dr. Weymouth who also operated a drug store. They were: John L. Allen, Charles Burleigh, J. D. Cochrane, L. D. Dennett, Walter T. Goodale, Roscoe S. Graves, S. P. Graves, Charles W. Harwood, H. E. Hill, J. E. L. Kimball, Charles W. Pillsbury and J. H. Shannon.

In Biddeford in 1892, there were also 12 physicians other than those already listed as operating drug stores and apothecary shops.

They were: Solon Abbott, Samuel J. Bassford, Ferdinand Bernier, Moses B. Cobb, F. L. Davis, Caleb J. Emery, Arthur J. Gagnon, Frank Gratton, J. A. Lapointe, John Lord, James Sawyer and Frank S. Warren.

After listing the array of doctors in the two cities of that period and the drug, apothecary and chemists' shops of the times, no comment seems necessary when we again detail the total population of the time which was 7904, according to the Old Directory compilers.

"Hello" Girls and Boys.

The detailer asks the readers' indulgence to go back a decade farther to relate some interesting facts about early telephones and local exchanges.

Eva H. Bent, or Evie Bent was listed as manager of the

and were accepted.

The stories of those early telephone days brought to memory by the name of Miss Bent in our Old Directory were especially interesting to the writer of these articles, for the lad who tended at the "night trick" in the 1892 telephone exchange in Biddeford was his father, still able to recall, vividly, Old Directory days and a score of years before that period.

New England Tel. & Tel. Co. local plant at 92 Main street in 1892 and she was exchange supervisor in 1892.

During the daytime of that year she had one "hello" girl as an aid to handle "traffic" from the estimated 25 to 30 locally installed telephones of that year in both cities.

From 8 o'clock each evening until 8 o'clock the next morning a youth was employed to tend the "drops" as the infrequent calls came in.

The first three hours of the "night trick" were relatively busy considering that more than half of the phones were in business houses, at that hour long closed.

The youth sitting in, or more literally, sleeping at the exchange with an enormous bell at ear level, was aroused but few times and then usually when a physician's phone number was in demand in 1892. But once that gong sounded, the noise of London's Big Ben chimed over a full-volume modern radio were not dissimilar, your detailer is informed by the lad who sat there in that memorable year.

Just to add to the restful assurances of the new boy on duty three stories up in a far-from-modern building at 92 Main street the lad whom he replaced had shown him a rope fire-escape arrangement he had had in a handy place "for emergencies" in case the one exit was cut off.

Just to keep the night-operator "telephone-minded," he was allowed to fool around with work on new phone installations and this particular operator had the honor of eventually putting in two new installations "all on his own" which passed inspection

DECEMBER 3, 1942.

Old Directory Lists Men Active In Early Days Of Railroad Here

Biddeford and Saco carriage manufacturers and carriage-smiths of 1892 had established an enviable reputation in Northern New England for the excellence of their products and the variety of their original designs.

Engaged in these vocations in Biddeford then were: Campbell Bros. at 13 Washington street; D. Omer Jeanson, 22 Washington street; Townsend Bros., 9 Jefferson street, and James H. Whitten, 261½ Main street. Townsend Bros. carried carriage and wagon stock and had a special painting department for vehicles.

Saco's carriage manufacturers were: F. S. Dean, 5 Thornton avenue; B. F. Hanscom, 12 Thornton avenue; J. F. Lewis, Thornton avenue; John I. Palmer, 5 Thornton avenue; Ivory H. Towle, Seamon and Elm street.

Carriagesmiths of the day in the city across the river were: Luther M. Hearn, 9 Water street, and T. Scott at 11 Water street.

Listed carriage trimmers of the day were: Charles Adams at 12 Thornton avenue; and Wallace Russell of Thornton avenue, near Main street.

Steam Trains Popular.

The popularity of the "steam cars," as they were termed in 1892, was on the increase. Railroading as a vocation was at that time engaging the interests of the younger men of the two cities who could see a promising future for themselves in the many branches of employment required in its operation.

The spreading out of railway lines throughout the country at the period in mind can only be likened to the even faster later developments in the motor car manufacturing industry between 1908 and 1918.

With this in mind, it is not to be wondered at that so many then residents of the two cities were identified with steam train transportation.

Station Agents, Etc.

Fred E. Allen was agent at the Eastern division station of the Boston & Maine in this city in 1892. Many older residents recall Mr. Allen, who was looked upon somewhat in the nature of an oracle in the part of the city in which he served.

Frank E. Richardson served in a like capacity at the Western division depot and many pleasant things are remembered about him and his associations with the public.

North M. West was freight agent of the local freight department of the B. & M. Jones Blackstone was baggage master at the Eastern division station and Andrew H. Burnham was assistant baggage master in this city.

John T. Emerson, now a resident of Saco, who winters in Florida, was also baggage master, serving in Saco, although he lived in 1892, on Foss street, this city. Ira C. Hill was a Biddeford baggage master.

Daniel L. Snow was listed as

roadmaster of the Eastern division, residing in Saco at the time. That same year, Chauncey C. Tibbetts was yardmaster in this city. There are many local residents of middle age who will recall Chauncey and his long association with railroading.

A highly respected engineer of the day was Charles W. Waterman, who was listed in Old Directory as a resident of Biddeford.

In the listing of baggage masters of the community and their assistants, the name of H. Elmer Bryant, an assistant, was left out.

Samuel L. Bryant was a freight checker and Ralph W. E. Milliken was clerk of the freight office in Biddeford.

Going back with Old Directory of 1892 and taking up methods of transportation of the period, your detailer is reminded that Biddeford was the locale of a horse - day conveyance story, which, in its repetition over the years, has assumed the aspects of a fable.

In truth, it happened here and, in its original form, the facts that were built into the story were as follows: A certain local house-to-house peddler was the owner of a horse. His penurious habits were known to many, but it remained for a neighbor in the Ward 2 section of the city to learn what had happened when the horse was not seen about the streets for a number of days.

Cautious questioning of the not-too-cautious member of the horse-owner's family, elicited the following explanation: So-and-So was feeding the horse on a mixture of sawdust and molasses as an experiment. The horse did not like it at first, but just as So-and-So found that the horse had been apparently eating the mixture with relish for a number of days, the darned plug up and died on him.

The raconteur of the story vouches for the accuracy of the facts as given above and knows the very location of the land on which the poor beast's stable was erected.

Carriage - Makers.

But to continue the theme of 50 years ago transportation. The demand for newer types of wagons and "dress carriages," at its peak in the early 1890s, caused venturesome blacksmiths and cabinet-makers of the times to join forces and set up local factories for the making of the articles being demanded by horse-owners of the era.

Telegraphers.

Albert H. Milliken, Elm street, Saco, recently retired newspaper man, served in the important position of telegraph operator for the railroad in 1892. Charles Benson was another then resident serving in that capacity.

James C. Hilton was night operator at the Eastern depot and Clarence Hilton was a Biddeford operator.

Miss Nellie P. Gould was manager of the Western Union local office. Guy P. Milliken was

listed as messenger boy at the B. & M. depot.

A. M. Goodwin was manager of the Saco Western Union office then located in the depot, also serving as station agent in Saco at the same time.

Gatemen.

Railroad men more in the public eye than some of their associates were the gatemen of the

days before automobile signals became legal. Garrett F. Burns served in that capacity at the Bradley street crossing.

Charles A. Libby was gateman at the Western division crossing at Main street. Robert D. Hanson served in a similar position along the Eastern division route. His home was in Saco.

Felix Remillard was a railway brakeman and William A. Chadbourne, a switchman, both residing in this city.

Section Men.

Ralph Washburn was a foreman of the section crews and employed in that capacity then were the following twin-city residents: Charles A. Butterfield,

Eli L. Rogers, George Dineen, Louis Remillard, William Rumery, Joseph Sicard, Timothy Sullivan, Leroy Milliken and Daniel Ridlon.

JUNE 23, 1944.

White Church To Celebrate 147th Anniversary

The 147th anniversary of the founding of the Biddeford Congregational church parish will be observed at the Sunday morning service, it was announced to-



day. "The Voice of the Past" will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered by Rev. John Hutchinson Hyde, the pastor.

According to local records the first church building was erected in 1642 at a point of land on the east bank of the Saco river, half a mile below the falls now called Gray's Point, known then as Church Point. Both sides of the river were then called Winter Harbor. Later, both sides of the river were called Biddeford. The next church was erected

in 1719 on John Henderson's hill, adjoining an old burying ground, now partially enclosed by a stone wall on the east side of the Pool road, opposite the New Town road.

The third church was erected in 1730 on the east side of the Pool road about two miles from the present City hall. This building is still standing and is known as the Old First Parish church. During the middle 1790's, members of this church, visioning the growth of the town toward "The Falls", as the present site of the city was then called, built a church on Crescent street. This church was incorporated in 1797 as the Second Congregational parish.

JANUARY 25, 1945

Robert W. Biggar, Thornton Senior, Gets Scholarship

Saco Boy Will Enter Bowdoin

Robert W. Biggar, Jr., a senior at Thornton academy, is the winner of one of four State of Maine



Robert Biggar

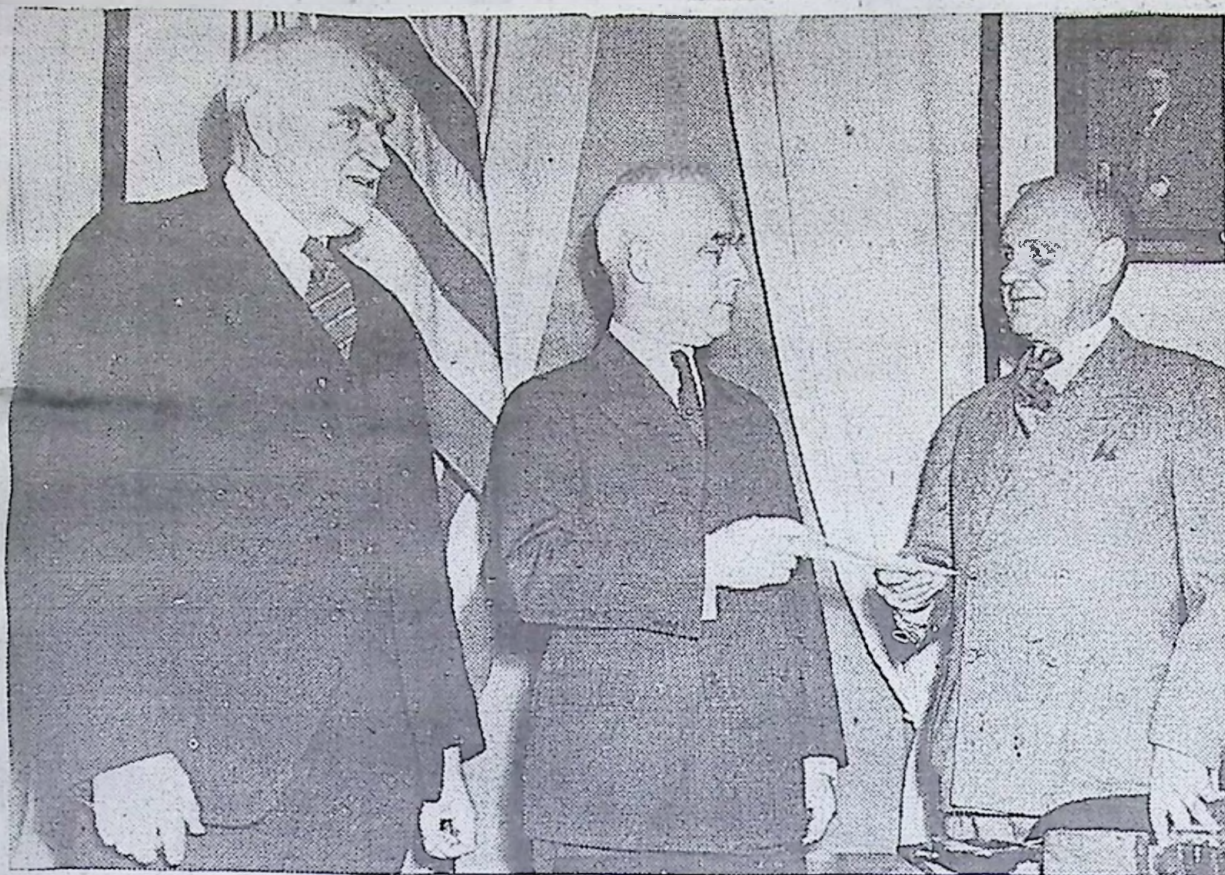
scholarships offered by Bowdoin college to students of Maine secondary schools, it was announced today.

Biggar, Journal sports writer for Thornton academy, is vice president of the Student council at the academy and also vice president of the senior class. He is now Editor-in-Chief of the academy year-book.

Each of the four awards offered by the college carries a stipend of \$500 and is given on the basis of competitive examinations and personal interviews.

Biggar is at present leading his class in scholarship at the academy and has indicated that he will enter the college in June at the beginning of the summer trimester.

The other three winners were Alfred W. Maillet, Lewiston High school; Willard C. Richan, Edward Little High school, Auburn; and Howard R. Dwelley, Washington academy, East Machias.



A certified check for \$25,000, contributed by the Board of Directors of the Saco-Lowell Shops to the fund for the creation of a memorial recreation field, is accepted in behalf of the committee by Louis B. Lausier, chairman.

Edward T. Hyde, right, service manager of the concern, presents the check in the presence of Dr. David E. Dolloff, a member of the memorial field committee, representing veterans of all wars.

DECEMBER 27, 1943.

Horace Poisson Photographer Dies Suddenly

Horace Poisson, one of the best-known figures in business and professional circles of the city, prominent in Franco-American circles, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at his apartment, 137 Main street. His age was 72 years.

Mr. Poisson conducted a photographic studio on Main street for the past 46 years. He was a brother of the late Eugene Poisson, also a well-known photographer, who died a few years ago. It is believed that Mr. Poisson was one of the oldest active photographers in the state. For years he had conducted a successful business.

He was born in Gentilly, P. Q., son of Pascal and Esther (Hebert) Poisson. He came to this city when quite young, and after learning photography opened a studio in Hooper's block, which he had since conducted. For a time he also did commercial work but most of his life had been devoted to portrait work, at which he was considered expert.

A man of genial disposition, Mr. Poisson was active in many circles in the city.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Delvina Poisson; a son, William of New York city, and two daughters, Mrs. Frederick Deschambeault and Miss Geraldine Poisson.



HORACE POISSON.

DECEMBER 14, 1943.

Death Takes G. P. Nickerson

George P. Nickerson of 8 Hooper street, a well known life-long Saco and Biddeford resident, for the past 35 years employed at the Saco-Lowell Shops in this city, died at a hospital here early this morning following a lengthy illness. His age was 73 years.

Mr. Nickerson was born in Saco the son of James and Nancy (Johnson) Nickerson. He received his early education in the schools of that city. When a young man he learned the jeweler's trade and for a long period

of time during his younger days was employed at the George F. Twambley jewelry store in Saco. He was known as an expert watch and clock maker and repairer. In late years his services in repairing watches and jewelry during his leisure hours had been widely solicited by many residents of the two cities.

His pleasing personality and willingness to be of assistance to those seeking his aid earned for him many new friends. He was held in high esteem by the officials and his shopmates at the plant where he was employed.

He was a former member of the Biddeford fire department and a member of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, and Biddeford Aerie, No. 804, Fraternal Order of Eagles. His wife, who was Ada Hewes before marriage, died several years ago.

He is survived by several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MAY 24, 1943.

Nathaniel Haines, Well-Known Saco Resident, Dead

Nathaniel Haines, life-long Saco resident, and one of the best known veteran brick and stone masons of the two cities, died at his home, 23 Gray avenue, Saco, Saturday evening following a lengthy illness. His age was 74 years.

Mr. Haines was born in Saco October 28, 1868, the son of Jackson and Sarah (Ross) Haines. He was educated in the Saco schools. When a young

man he learned the mason's trade and during the long period of years he devoted his time to this type of construction work he assisted in building and at times supervised the masonry work of many of the larger buildings and industrial plants in this part of York county. Much of his leisure time during his younger life was devoted to gardening, fishing and poultry raising.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. William Gilman; a nephew, Josiah Haines; a step-daughter, Mrs. Hornel Metayer, and a grandson, Ernest Roberge, all of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.



LOUIS B. LAUSIER

APRIL 26, 1943.

Mrs. Mary Hanson Dies Sunday At Wardwell Home

Mrs. Mary Alice Hanson, widow of Daniel W. Hanson, one of Saco's oldest and best known residents, died at the Wardwell Home for Aged Ladies on Middle street, Sunday in her 90th year.

Mrs. Hanson was born in Haverhill, Mass., the daughter of Walter and Rebecca (Wentworth) Plummer. She was educated in the schools of that city. Some years following her marriage to Mr. Hanson she became a resident of Saco, her husband being employed as a cigar manufacturer at the Bradford cigar shop in that city. Through her pleasing personality and ever willingness to be of assistance to others approaching her for assistance, she earned many staunch friends. For many years when her health permitted she was an active member of Saco Rebekah lodge, No. 2, and the United Baptist church and various organizations connected with that parish. She has resided at the Wardwell Home since 1937.

Surviving relatives are a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Wright, Belmont, Mass., and a grandson, Lester Hanson, of Rockmart, Ga.

Funeral services will be held at the Wardwell Home on Middle street Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

APRIL 4, 1943.
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APRIL 4, 1944.

Miss Alice Fogg, Retired Teacher, Dies At Beach

Miss Alice Eliza Fogg, 74, widely known retired Saco school teacher, a prominent resident of Old Orchard Beach for the past 35 years, died at her



MISS ALICE E. FOGG

home, 25 Atlantic avenue, this morning following a brief illness. But few people had been aware that her condition had been so serious during the past few days. Miss Fogg was born in Buxton Oct. 29, 1869, the daughter of Joseph Arthur and Emile Jane (Billings) Fogg. The Billings and Fogg families are reported to have been among the first families establishing their homes in Saco.

She attended the Saco schools and graduated from the old Saco high school in 1888 and began her teaching career in 1890. After 39 years of continuous teaching at various public schools in Saco, she resigned when reaching the age of 60 years, giving her reason for retiring to her friends "I firmly believe in giving the younger people a chance." She was an active member of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, and the various women's organizations affiliated with the parish for many years. She was also affiliated with the Saco Rebekah lodge and Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star, No. 10, and filled many of the leading offices of both organizations during her younger life. In later years she had taken a deep interest in the affairs of the public library of Old Orchard Beach, while serving as a member and as chairman of the superintending library committee, and she had devoted much time to different branches of work of the American Red Cross. Much of her time was spent in knitting and crocheting various kinds of articles and wearing apparel for members of the armed forces. She was also prominently identified with the Citizens' political party at Old Orchard Beach in later years and was recognized as one of the leading

women workers of the party. She took a keen interest in all youth movements in her home community.

Besides her sister, Mrs. George W. Titcomb, and a nephew, Frederick W. Titcomb, of Saco, she leaves several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., HERALD,

Wednesday Evening, October 27, 1943

Henry Whitcomb Missing in Action On Yard-Built Sub



HENRY O. WHITCOMB

Henry O. Whitcomb, electrician's mate 1/c, USN, has been reported missing in action on a Portsmouth built submarine, according to word from the Navy department received by his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Wilson Whitcomb of Kittery.

The 26-year-old submarine sailor had previously escaped probable death when the USS Grenadier, on which he had been serving was lost while he was hospitalized in Australia. He was attached to the Grenadier when its officers and men were cited for sinking Japanese shipping, and was assigned to another Portsmouth submarine after that ship was sunk.

Whitcomb also served on the USS Richmond and the USS Sculpin during about a year and a half when he was stationed at the Portsmouth Navy yard.

He was on duty at the Portsmouth yard at the time of the sinking of the submarines O-9 and the Squalus, and was on board the Squalus' sister ship, the Sculpin, when it participated in attempts to reach the stricken submarine off the Isles of Shoals.

While stationed in Portsmouth, he met and married his wife, the former Phyllis F. Wilson, daughter of the late Thomas E. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson.

A native of Palermo, Calif., where his mother, Mrs. Nettie V. Monro, now lives, Whitcomb received his naval training at the San Diego Naval base about six years ago.

G, DECEMBER 17, 1943.

ANOTHER BOOST FOR FUND



David S. Cook, agent of the Pepperell Manufacturing Co. plant in this city, presenting a check for \$15,000 to Mayor Louis B. Lausier as a donation from Pepperell to the fund for memorial recreation field for war veterans to be placed on May street. This is the second big donation received for the fund from a corporation, the Saco-Lowell Shops also having presented a check to the mayor to help the project.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1944.

Roy V. Ross, 57, Dies Suddenly; Operated Garage

Well Known As Mechanic

Roy V. Ross, 57, a resident of Saco for 27 years, proprietor of a garage in Pepperell square, in that city for more than a quarter of a century, and a recognized expert in the operation and repair of quarry and steamship boilers, died suddenly this morning at his home, 100 Middle street.

He was born in North Kennebunkport, the son of the late George and Caroline (Hilton) Ross. For a number of years after completing schooling, he worked with his father about the granite ledges in the southwest part of this city and in North Kennebunkport.

Steam boilers and machinery in general intrigued Mr. Ross as a young man and during the first years of gasoline-propelled cars, he made a thorough study of these, becoming an expert in that line.

Four years ago, Mr. Ross closed his garage and entered the Saco-Lowell Shops, being assigned to the Saco section of the plant.

Besides his wife, the former Annie Twomey, of this city, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Harold Whelan and Miss Marjorie Ross, both of Saco, and Mrs. Searles A. Hewes, Worcester, Mass.; a brother, Carl E.

Ross, Saco; two half-sisters, Mrs. Alice Currier, Kennebunk, and Mrs. Emma Welch, Worcester, Mass.; a half-brother, Herman Webster, Noank, Conn., and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2, from the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

FEBRUARY 18, 1944.

Woman Today Katherine Means Ill Long Time

Mrs. Katherine Tarr Means, a life-long resident of this city and prominent in church and club circles, died at a hospital here early this morning after a long illness. Her age was 71 years.

She was born in this city, the daughter of Frank and Georgiana (Clark) Tarr.

Mrs. Means was engaged as a milliner for several years in this city. She was a member of the Second Congregational church and Adah Chapter, Eastern Star, being active in these circles over a period of many years. She was known and held in high esteem by many friends in this city and vicinity.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Earl Hutchinson of Goodwins Mills; two sons, Melvin F. Means of the U. S. Navy and C. Raymond Means of this city; three grandchildren, and three brothers, Benjamin O. Tarr of Portland, Harry Tarr of Old Orchard Beach and Clarence E. Tarr of this city.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home, 234 South street.

DECEMBER 27, 1944

Frederic Lord, Prominent Saco Resident, Dies

Heart Attack Proves Fatal

Frederic A. Lord, 72, of 57 North street, Saco, prominent in civic, church, educational and Masonry circles of the two cities, where he resided all his life, died suddenly at the Webber hospital Tuesday evening where he was receiving treatment for a heart ailment after being admitted earlier in the day.

Mr. Lord was born in this city, the son of William and Frances (Wells) Lord. He was a graduate of Thornton Academy where he was prominent in varsity athletic circles. When a young man he entered the employ of the Garland Manufacturing Company and for many years was a traveling salesman for the concern, going to many distant points of the country previous to being promoted to an executive position which he filled up to the time of his death. He had been affiliated with the company for 53 years.

He was a talented vocalist. For many years in his younger life he was a member of quartets heard in church programs and local musicales and at funeral services.

Among his hobbies during his later life were fishing and golfing. He was a charter member and one of the oldest golfers of the Saco and Biddeford Country club.

For many years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Thornton Academy, filling several offices, including that of treasurer. He resigned from the latter position two years ago. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Dyer Library association of Saco and was secretary and treasurer for a long time. He was a deacon of the First Parish Congregational church for many years and was active as a member and officer of the church society.

Mr. Lord was a member and former treasurer of Saco Lodge, F. & A. M., and he also held memberships in York chapter; Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar; Maine Council, No. 7, Royal and Select Masters; Saco Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F. At intervals of his career, he filled many of the ranking offices in each of these fraternal organizations. He was a 32nd degree Mason; and a member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club; Annette chapter, O. E. S.; a former secretary and treasurer of the York Institute and Thornton Academy Alumni Association.

He took a deep interest in youth and civic affairs of the community.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Bertha (Sawyer) Lord, he leaves a son, Kenneth S. Lord, Greensboro, S. C.; a daughter, Mrs. Clyde W. Stewart, Lincoln, N. H.; four grandchildren and a brother, Frank W. Lord, Watertown, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2.

DECEMBER 30, 1944

Many Present At F. A. Lord Rites

The funeral of Frederic A. Lord, 57 North street, Saco, prominent in educational, church, fraternal and civic circles of that city for many years was held at the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2.

Included in the large gathering of relatives and friends at the rites were officials and employees of the Garland Manufacturing company where Mr. Lord was employed for many years in an executive position and representatives of fraternal organizations and institutions with which he was affiliated. Members of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club attended in a body.

Rev. Stanley A. Gould, minister of the First Parish church, of which Mr. Lord was a deacon for a long period, officiated. Many flowers were received. Burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

The honorary bearers were: Lawrence S. Garland, David S. Cook, Mark Black, Sidney A. Staples and Dr. Clarence E. Thompson. Active bearers were: Dr. F. C. Lord, George A. Leatherbarrow, Carl Parcher, Sidney Foster, Bernard C. Brown and Dr. E. H. Minot.

NOVEMBER 25, 1941

Miss Nellie Lord, Saco Musician, Taken By Death

Miss Nellie Lena Lord, 79, retired Saco music teacher and for many years active in the Women's Educational and Industrial Union and Rebecca Emery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, died at the Wardwell Home for Aged Ladies, Saco, Friday evening, where she had resided for six years.

Miss Lord was born in Skowhegan, the daughter of the late Abram T. and Ellen (Rowell) Lord. She came to Saco with her parents when young and had resided there since. She was an accomplished musician and she studied music in Boston and in other cities of the country. Later she conducted a studio in Saco where she instructed classes in piano and organ. During her musical career she served as organist at some of the Protestant churches of the two cities.

She was a past president of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union and an active member of the Rebecca Emery chapter, D. A. R., and First Parish Congregational church.

Besides a sister, Mrs. Estelle L. Sands, Saco, she leaves a brother, George F. Lord, Portland.

Funeral services will be held at the Wardwell home, Sunday afternoon at 2. Rev. Stanley A. Gould, minister of First Parish Congregational church, will officiate. The body will be taken to Skowhegan for burial.

APRIL 6, 1944.

southeast headquarters.

Rev. Ward R. Clarke, Saco, To Leave Unitarian Church

Rev. Ward R. Clarke, pastor of the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco, for 31 years, will complete his pastorate there July 1, it was learned today, and he will read his resignation at the service next Sunday.

No successor to the veteran preacher has been named, and Rev. Mr. Clarke's plans for the future are indefinite. He will continue writing for general publications, however, applying principles of Christianity to the problems of today.

Although his plans remain in the formative stage, he will probably serve as supply pastor in vacant Unitarian pulpits, and continue to live a "minister's life." He expects to live in New England, possibly near Boston, but that also is indefinite.

Rev. Mr. Clarke completed 31 years of service in the Saco parish last January.

Iowa Native.

A native of Cherokee, Iowa, he received his B. A. degree from Yale university.

He graduated from Oberlin Theological Seminary, Oberlin, Ohio, and attended Meadville Theological school, a Unitarian institution then located at Mead-

ville, Penn., but since moved to Chicago. He also pursued theological studies at Harvard Divinity School.

Before he came to Saco, Rev. Mr. Clarke served pastorates in Dover, N. H., and Montpelier, Vt.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarke have one child, Henry L. Clarke, Cambridge, Mass., who will leave to enter the armed forces Friday.

G, DECEMBER 20, 1943.

Last Of Old Maine Family Taken By Death

Mrs. E. Robinson Ill Short Time

Mrs. Nellie Gove Robinson, widow of Elmer S. Robinson, a resident of Saco for the past 45 years, the last surviving member of a family whose names are widely known in Maine seafaring circles, died at a Biddeford hospital Saturday evening, following a brief illness. Her age was 79 years, six months and 28 days. Much sorrow is being expressed by her many friends in the two cities and in Bath, where she spent much of her younger life.

Mrs. Robinson was born in Bath, the daughter of the late Captain Sewall W. and Keziah (Haggett) Gove. Both her father and grandfather, Captain Gove and Captain Haggett of Bath, for many years sailed many older type of vessels to different ports in this country and abroad. Capt. Gove piloted as his last boat the famous schooner T. M. Seeker of Bath, about which much has been written in Maine's sailing ships' history.

TO RESIGN



REV. WARD R. CLARKE

ville, Penn., but since moved to Chicago. He also pursued ... (Continued on Page Four)

history. She was a distant relative of Governor Sumner Sewall of Augusta. Mrs. Robinson was a member of the Advent church of Bath.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Violet E. Nicol, with whom she resided for many years, she leaves a son, Elmer Robinson, Jr., both of Saco; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, which will be private, will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to call at the funeral parlors between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock Tuesday noon.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1943.



JEAN BAPTISTE BIBEAU
President of Bibeau Bros. grocery firm, well-known local resident, who died recently.

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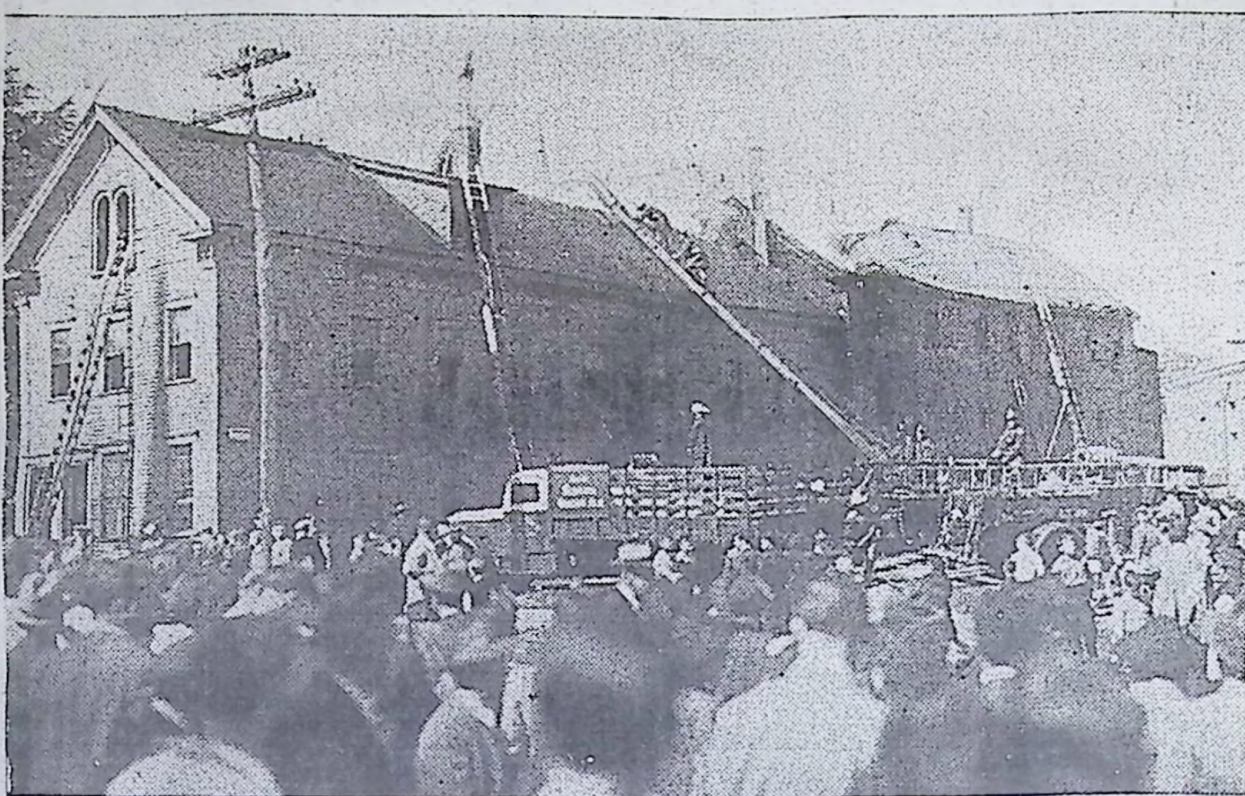


**YORK
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER
No. 5**



SACO, MAINE

FIRE EATING THROUGH OLD SHOESHOP BUILDING



Firemen working with aerial ladder and water tower on the old Newcomb shoeshop building in the rear of City building Sunday forenoon. Fire started on the second floor, just to the left of where the aerial ladder is placed. It was estimated by fire officials that there will be a

loss of \$6,000 on the building and contents. Aid was summoned from Saco, and hundreds were attracted by the second alarm for the fire. Fire was held well in the section where it started.

Still later the old house passed into the hands of the Honorable Charles G. Bellamy and it was here that John Haley Bellamy, the woodcarver of the famous Bellamy eagles, was born April 16, 1836.

The most recent owners of the house were the descendants of the Honorable Charles Bellamy. Mrs. Mary Safford Wildes of Kittery, Dr. Victor Safford of Boston and Eugene Williams of the Point. Mr. and Mrs. William occupied the house until his death a few months ago and his widow will remain in the house until the new owners begins extensive repairs and redecorating before making it his home.

Mr. Frost is the owner of the old garrison house in Eliot. He is a quartermaster at the Portsmouth navy yard and has four children: John, an Episcopal rector in New York state, Mrs. Arthur Gogan of Rumford; Sgt. Joseph Frost, USA, and Miss Marah Frost who teaches at Cape Neddick.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1944



Lt. Gertrude I. Stone

JANUARY 18, 1945

Eugene Johnson Is Dead In Saco

Eugene Johnson, 77, of 29 Rumery street, Saco, one of Saco's best known political leaders for many years, a former deputy marshal of the Saco Police department, and previous to being stricken ill several months ago employed as timekeeper by the Saco Street department, died at his home this morning.

He was born in Saco, the son of the late Edward P. and Amanda (Drew) Johnson. During his younger career he was employed at the York mills in Saco, the Pepperell mills and Saco-Lowell shops in this city.

He was a lover of all branches of sports. One of his hobbies was fishing.

He was one of the last surviving members of a group of residents who congregated daily in the back shop of the drug store operated by Samuel Lord on Main street, Factory Island, to discuss local and national current events, known as the Sam Lord gang. During the early part of his life he was active as a leader of the Democratic party in his home community but in late years he was affiliated with the Republicans.

He is survived by his widow Alice P. Johnson, three sons, Edward P. Johnson, Ocean Park, a former warden of the Thomaston State prison, Ralph E. Johnson, Saco, and Walter C. Johnson, this city; five daughters, Mrs. Margaret Lee, Boston, Mrs. Nicholas

Vernand Parenteau, all of Saco and Mrs. Norman McAuley, Jr., a member of the US Marine corps, stationed in California; two sisters, Mrs. Lottie Clark and Mrs. Sylvia R. Witham, both of Saco; a niece, and nine grandchildren. Announcement of the funeral services will be made Friday.

JANUARY 31, 1945

Old Pepperell Mansion Back In Family

Descendent Of Builder Buys

The recent purchase of the old Pepperell Mansion at Kittery Point by H. Martin Frost of Eliot brings back into the Pepperell family the ancient house lost to them by the Confiscation act of 1778. Mr. Frost is a direct descendant of the builder of the house, Col. William Pepperell.

Home of the first American baronet, Sir William Pepperell, the house was erected in 1682 by the baronet's father, Colonel Pepperell, on a lot given him by his father-in-law, John Bray. The house was originally 45 feet long with a spacious hall and stairway and was considered "one of the most magnificent of provincial dwellings."

Colonel Pepperell died in 1734 and his son, Sir William, knighted because of his successful capture of Louisburg, added exten-

sively to the house and grounds. Quoting from an old atlas "his walls were hung with costly mirrors and paintings, his sideboards creaked with silver, his cellars were filled with choice wines, his park was stocked with deer, he kept a retinue of servants, and maintained a costly equipage, a splendid barge manned with a black crew dressed in uniform bore him across the water where he wished to go."

Sir William united with the Congregational church which his father had helped to found. In command of the militia of Maine he was also a member of the Governor's council and in 1726 was elected representative.

He held the regard and fellowship of the townspeople but liked to receive due respect. The story is told that he wished the Indians with whom he had dealings to bow to him and to enforce this homage he had a low door constructed to the room where he received the Indians on business dealings. This necessitated a bow as they entered the room.

After the death of Sir William the property passed to his grandson, William Pepperell Sparhawk, on condition that he drop the name of Sparhawk. This he did and became the second Sir William. In 1775 he sailed for England, being of Tory sympathies, and the property was confiscated. During the Revolutionary war it was used as barracks for troops and later was sold at public auction in accordance with the confiscation act.

The additions made by the first Sir William were removed later and the house is now about the same size it was originally. It has a fine front doorway.

Among later owners of the house was Maj. Thomas Cutts who commenced a tavern there.

DECEMBER 22, 1944

Mrs. Thomas Evans Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Helene Chadbourne Evans, 54, wife of Thomas L. Evans, 279 Elm street, died at a local hospital Thursday. Her death followed a lengthy illness which had restricted her to her home in recent years.

She was born in this city, the daughter of the late Edward and Elizabeth (Bonser) Chadbourne. She was a graduate of the Biddeford public and high schools, and resided here all her life. She was active in local social and literary clubs and ladies' organizations of the Second Congregational church, of which she was a member.

Surviving relatives are her husband; two step-sons, George L. Evans, Seattle, Wash., and Thomas L. Evans, Jr., this city; a brother, Paul E. Chadbourne, Saco, and three nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Dennett and Crane funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 3.

January 2, 1944



GETS COMMISSION—Ensign Clifford H. Sinnett, USNR, who was commissioned Dec. 22 at the Midshipman's School at Northwestern University, Chicago, and has been passing the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin C. Sinnett of Woodmont Street, and has left for Virginia for further training. He is a graduate of Dering High School and the University of Maine, completing his studies just before entering the service.

JULY 22, 1944.

J. E. Burnham, Saco Business Man, Stricken

James Elroy Burnham, 59, a resident of the Ferry road, Saco, proprietor of Burnham's paint and supplies store in Odd Fellows block, Main street, in that city, and one of the most prominent business men of the two cities, died suddenly Friday after being stricken at his place of business and rushed to a local hospital for treatment. The news of his sudden death came as a severe shock to his relatives, business associates and wide circle of acquaintances in this part of the county, among whom he was highly respected.

Born In Saco

Mr. Burnham was born in Saco, the son of the late William and Frances (Burnham) Burnham. He was educated in the Saco schools and Thornton academy. When a young man he entered the employ of his father and learned the painter's trade and retail paint business.

After the death of his father he became owner of the store and had continued to operate it for a long period up to the time of his death. He was a member of the School street Methodist church and Saco lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 2.

Surviving relatives are his wife, Mrs. Annie M. Burnham, a son, John E. Burnham, a member of the U. S. armed services, and a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Whitney.

Funeral services for Mr. Burnham will be held at his late home on the Ferry road Monday afternoon at 2.

JANUARY 29, 1944.

Tobias Weymouth, Saco Butcher, Dies At Home

Tobias Weymouth, 71, of Charles street, Saco, one of York county's oldest and best known butchers and slaughter-house operators, died at his home this morning after several months illness.

He was born in Lyman, son of Tobias and Azelia Bagley Weymouth. He had resided in Saco practically all his life. When he reached the age of 16 he entered the employ of his late brother, Joe Weymouth, well known Saco butcher who operated a slaughter house on upper Main street. He continued to work at this occupation up to the time of his brother's death. He later took over the business which he operated up to the time of his last illness.

When a young man he lost one of his arms while engaged in sharpening some butcher's implements, but in spite of the handicap he managed to actively work at his trade, drive a horse and operate an automobile as if he had the use of both arms.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Welch Weymouth, a daughter, Mrs. Lyle Bailey of Morrisville, Vt., an adopted daughter, Miss Bertha Weymouth of Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

JULY 24, 1944.

Funerals Saco Man Dies



James E. Burnham Well-known Saco businessman who died suddenly.

Mr. & Mrs. Horace Woodman
announce the marriage of their daughter
Carrie W. Cleaves,
and
Hugh Grant Chitvers.
Tuesday, February third.
Saco, Maine.

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JULY 20, 1944.

Prominent Woman Taken By Death Today Succumbs After Long Illness

Miss Lena Gertrude McArthur died early this morning at her home, 272 Elm street, following an extended illness.

She was born in Smithfield, R. I., daughter of Robert and Lydia (Swan) McArthur.

Robert McArthur and family came to this city in 1887, he having been appointed agent of the Peppercell mfg. Co., the largest cotton mill in the United States at the time. His family consisted of Miss Lena McArthur, Mrs. Jane McArthur Owen, George W. McArthur and Walter McArthur, two sons now deceased.

The family took up its residence in the corporation-owned property on Jefferson street, opposite the Universalist church.

After the retirement and death of her father, Miss McArthur moved to the home on Elm street, at the corner of Cherry Lane, where she died this morning.

Miss McArthur became a mem-

ber of the Universalist church several times to their conventions. She served the Ladies' Aid society as treasurer, and was also treasurer of the Daughters of Ruth. For many years she served as pianist for the Sunday school, being a great lover of music. The splendid Estay organ in the church auditorium was given in memory of her mother, Mrs. Lydia McArthur.

Only her intimate friends had an idea of the great amount of charitable work done by Miss McArthur, but many boys and girls were aided through her generosity. She was liberal to civic associations and church organizations.

Another of her outstanding interests was the McArthur library which bears the name of her late father. She was a member of the board of trustees and took an active part in all matters pertaining to the conduct of the library.

She was an interested member of the Webber Hospital auxiliary, giving not only her counsel but also financial aid many times. Miss McArthur was also interested in the Wardwell Home in Saco and served as a director, representing the Universalist church.

She was regular in attendance at the First Universalist church until overtaken by failing health.

Miss McArthur leaves a sister, Mrs. Jane Owen of this city.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the home, 272 Elm street.

OCTOBER 10, 1944

Dr. Ernest Gibbs, Saco Veterinarian, Dies Suddenly

Popular In York County

Dr. Ernest E. Gibbs, 62, popular Saco veterinarian and a resident of that city over 35 years, died suddenly late Monday night at his home, 93 High street.

Dr. Gibbs was well known throughout York county by hundreds of farmers and pet owners. He had been practicing in Saco since 1910.

Graduate of Ontario Veterinary college, Canada, he was a member of the Maine State Veterinary association and the Southern Maine Veterinary Practitioners' association.

Fraternally he was a member of Marsh River lodge, F. and A. M., all the Masonic bodies of Saco and Bradford Commandery.

Dr. Gibbs was a native of Brooks and was the son of the late James and Annette (Grove) Gibbs.

Survivors include two brothers, Irving N. Gibbs, Brooks, Elmer W. Gibbs, Bangor, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2 at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

NOVEMBER 26, 1943.

Injuries To Mrs. Johnson Prove Fatal

Saco Woman Dies In Brunswick

Mrs. Blanche Newcomb Johnson, wife of Walter I. Johnson, construction engineer, died yesterday at a hospital in Brunswick from injuries sustained last Monday in an automobile accident on the state highway near Brunswick. Her husband is still in a serious condition at the hospital from injuries in the accident.

She was born in this city, daughter of Simon and Mary Parcher Newcomb, and attended schools in this city. Mrs. Johnson traveled extensively through the country, her husband being engineer in many cities of the country. At one time he was a member of the firm of Libby and Johnson of Saco.

Mrs. Johnson leaves her husband, a son, Walter I. Johnson, Jr., of Warwick, R. I., two daughters, Mrs. James A. Maloney, Sault Ste Marie, Mich., and Mrs. T. E. Emerson, Saco; a sister, Angie P. Newcomb, Saco, and a brother, Arthur Newcomb, of Pleasant Pines, N. C.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. Monday at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

NOVEMBER 29, 1944

C. D. Cochrane, Auto Mechanic, Dies In Fairfield

Chauncey Duncan Cochrane, 43, life-long Saco resident and automobile mechanic, died at the Central Maine sanatorium in Fairfield Tuesday evening where he had been receiving treatment for a lung ailment.

Mr. Cochrane was born in Saco, the son of the late Dr. Jasper D. and Ida (Hutchins) Cochrane. He was educated in the Saco schools and Thornton academy. An automobile mechanic, he was for several years employed at service stations and garages in the two cities and Portland. He also operated automobile repairing places in the two cities. Previous to being stricken ill several months ago, he was employed as an aircraft mechanic at the Pratt and Whitney plant, Hartford, Conn.

Besides a son, Jasper D. Cochrane, he leaves a sister, Miss Sally E. Cochrane, and his step-mother, Mrs. Annie W. Cochrane all of Saco.

The body has been brought to Saco and taken to the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, where friends may call after 4 this afternoon previous to the body being removed to the Cochrane home, 92 Elm street, Saco, where it will rest previous to funeral services there Friday afternoon at 2.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1944

Funerals Heart Attack Is Fatal To Dr. J. P. Traynor Stricken At Pine Point

Dr. Joseph Paul Traynor, 66, a retired U. S. Navy physician and surgeon with rank of captain, and possessor of a long and brilliant Naval career, died suddenly at his summer home at Pine Point early Tuesday afternoon. A heart attack is attributed as the cause of death.

His health had been impaired since 1927, when he was first stricken while serving as chief of the medical staff of the Brooklyn N. Y., Naval hospital.

Dr. Traynor had made his usual morning call here Tuesday and had arrived back at his cottage at Pine Point when he was seized with a heart attack and before medical assistance could be summoned by his sister, Mrs. Martin T. Hall, Natick, Mass., who has been spending the summer with her brother, he died.

The well known retired Naval officer was born in this city, the son of the late John J. and Honora (Sullivan) Traynor. He attended the Biddeford Public schools and graduated from Biddeford High school in the class of 1896. While at the school he was prominent in varsity football and baseball. He later attended Bowdoin Medical school, from which he graduated. While attending college he was a member of the varsity football eleven and also was the regular catcher on the baseball nine representing the Brunswick college.

His Naval career dates back to May 1, 1901, when he was commissioned a lieutenant (jg). He was promoted to a lieutenant commander, July 11, 1911, and elevated to the rank of commander, October 15, 1917. Later, before he retired because of ill health, he was advanced in rank to captain.

During the long period he was engaged in active sea duty in many sections of the globe, he had many interesting and thrilling experiences. The services he gave to his country and to members of the crew of the vessel, of which he was an official, were recognized by the U. S. Navy De-

partment when he was awarded citations and decorations. At one time, while serving in the Navy, he had the distinction of serving as surgeon on the US Dolphin, the official boat of Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels.

Between 1914 and 1917, Dr. Traynor was assigned to duty at the Naval Recruiting Station in Boston. In May of 1917 he became a member of the crew of the USS Michigan, transferring in September of the same year to the Nevada.

While serving on the battleship Mississippi in 1924, an explosion occurred on board while the crew was engaged in target practice off the coast of California, killing 48 men and injuring many others.

Following a long period of sea duty in the Philippines, China and in other distant Pacific areas, he was assigned to shore duty at the Chelsea, Mass., naval hospital. He retired from active duty 16 years ago.

Loved Sports

Dr. Traynor was a lover of all branches of sports, especially golf, and when health permitted he played regularly on the Old Orchard Beach and Biddeford and Saco Country club links. He attended practically all of the boxing and wrestling shows staged in this city.

He was the next to the last surviving member of his family, as his parents, his brothers, Dr. William Traynor, Dr. Charles F. Traynor, a former York county medical examiner, and George Traynor, a registered pharmacist, and sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth T. Fraser and Mrs. Mary Kelly, are all dead.

He was a member of the Army and Navy club of New York, the American Legion, Biddeford High School Alumni Association, American College of Surgery, Bowdoin Medical College Alumni and Emmet Literary association of this city.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's church of this city, and during the summer months he attended St. Margaret's church in Old Orchard Beach.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Martin T. Hall, Natick, Mass., two nephews, Lieut. Charles T. Hall, USN, stationed in New York, Francis Kelly, Haverhill, Mass., and a niece, Mrs. Beatrice Slater, Boston.

The body is at his home, 34 Union street, where friends are invited to call.

Funeral services will be held at St. Mary's church Friday morning at 9.



NOVEMBER 14, 1944

Dr. Joseph P. Traynor Leaves \$75,000 Estate To Sister; Other Wills Are Probated

The November term of probate court opened this morning in the probate room, City building, with Judge Hiram Willard presiding.

Among items allowed was the will of Dr. Joseph P. Traynor, a well known resident of this city, who left an estate estimated at \$75,000.

Bequests included: St. Mary's church, \$1000 in trust, income of which is for upkeep of three burial lots in St. Mary's cemetery.

Sister, Grace A. Hall, \$30,000 in trust for benefit of a sister, Mary E. Kelly, since deceased.

Balance of the estate passes to the surviving sister, Grace A. Hall, she having been named residuary legatee. The entire estate, with exception of bequest for care of cemetery lots and costs of administration, goes to the sister, Mrs. Grace A. Hall.

JUNE 30, 1944.

Rufus Francis, Ex-Garageman, Dies Suddenly

Heart Attack Proves Fatal

Rufus B. Francis, 58, widely known resident of the Oak Ridge section of the city, who previous to entering the employ of the Saco-Lowell shops four years ago as a machinist, operated a garage on Pleasant street, Saco, died suddenly Thursday afternoon. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

After completing his work Thursday afternoon he remarked to one of his fellow workers he "did not feel real well," but was inclined to think it was due largely to the heat. After leaving the plant he drove his car to the Harper Grain store in Pepperell Square, Saco, to make a purchase. He had completed the transaction and while waiting to have the purchased item placed in his car he apparently experienced an ill-turn and managed to get back upon the front seat of his car before he collapsed.

Mr. Harper a short time later had his attention called to the victim's unconscious condition by a woman who was passing the parked machine. A telephone call was relayed to the office of Dr. Lawrence E. Willard, and in the meantime Mr. Harper and C. C. Martel, at the Murray drug store, applied first aid in an attempt to revive the stricken man. Mr. Francis died soon after Dr. Willard arrived.

Mr. Francis was born in Perham, the son of Elbridge and Sarah Wilson Francis. When a young

The will was from the law office of Martin T. Hall, Boston, and was dated June 18, 1943.

man he learned the machinist trade. Following his arrival here several years ago, he became a mechanic at the Biddeford Motor Mart, and soon afterwards became service manager of the concern. Later, for several years previous to engaging in an automobile repairing business of his own, he was manager of the York County Motor company's garage, Thornton avenue, Saco.

He was a member of Dunlap Lodge, F. and A. M.; Royal Arch chapter; Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar. He was also a member of the Biddeford United Baptist church.

He is survived by his widow, who was Blanche O. Benson, previous to marriage; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth E. Hapsworth, Waterville, whose husband, Lieutenant Colonel Hapsworth, is stationed in India; two sisters, Mrs. Ivory Smart and Mrs. Helen Cleaves, Saco; two nephews and a niece.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Sunday afternoon at 2.

August 28, 1944

Fr. Mason Of Trinity Resigns

Has Been Rector For Four Years



By Staff Photograph
Rev. Otis L. Mason
Special Dispatch to The Press

Portland Press Herald — Portland, Maine

January 17, 1944

Biddeford Couple Honored On Approach Of 50th Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Everard J. Gove

Special Dispatch to The Press Herald
Biddeford, Jan. 16—Mr. and Mrs. Everard J. Gove of 95 Graham Street were honored on the approach of their 50th wedding anniversary as guests at a party given by relatives in the social rooms of the Second Congregational Church, Crescent Street, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gove were married at Mrs. Gove's home on South Street, Jan. 19 1894, by Dr. A. K. P. Small. Mrs. Gove was Edith G. Hussey, the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hussey.

The couple was attended by the late Alvan C. Gove and Mrs. Lewis Wallow of Seattle, Wash., the former Miss May Gove of Biddeford. At the organ was Mrs. E. F. Gilpatrick of Medford, Mass., formerly Lois Hussey of Biddeford, a sister of the bride. Mrs. Gilpatrick was present at the party Saturday afternoon and played on the piano the same selec-

tion she played 50 years ago for the couple.

The couple has two children, Dr. Burton Gove of Winchester, Mass., and Mrs. Paul Monohon of Chatham, N. J. Both were present at the party Saturday, Mrs. Monohon being in charge of all the arrangements.

Almost 50 relatives gathered at the church Saturday for a dinner and celebration. The rooms were decorated in gold with gold colored carnations on the tables. A bridal bouquet of gold snapdragons and carnations was presented to Mrs. Gove. From the flowers fell streamers of gold ribbon to which were attached envelopes with gifts in them. The party was a complete surprise.

The dinner was served by the Women's Society of the Congregational Church, Mrs. Donald L. Fraser in charge of the dining room and Mrs. Bernard C. Hammond in charge of the kitchen.



at Alfred and Main Streets. 170

DECEMBER 30, 1943.

Death Claims Prominent Saco Woman

Mrs. Grace S. Milliken, widow of Dr. Richard D. Milliken, died this morning at her home, 65 North street, Saco, following a long illness.

She was born in Poland (Me.), daughter of Charles P. and Annie M. (Field) Stockman.

Mrs. Milliken was a graduate of Wellesley College and was a school teacher at the time of her marriage to Dr. Milliken.

She was a member of the Unitarian church of Saco and for years took an active part in the activities of that parish and societies; also among other circles of friends in Saco and vicinity.

Mrs. Milliken was known and held in high esteem by a great number in Saco, this city and vicinity.

She leaves one niece.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home, 65 North street.

Friends are requested to omit flowers.

OCTOBER 25, 1944

Robert Jordan, Retired Tinsmith, Dies In Hospital

Robert O. Jordan, 68, of 172 Alfred street, widely known retired local tinsmith and sheet metal workers and a member of the firm of Jordan and Haley, dealers in tin and sheet metal products and prominent in local and state Masonic circles, died at a local hospital Tuesday following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Richmond, Va., the son of the late James W. and Elizabeth (George) Jordan. When a young man he learned the tinsmith's trade. Shortly after coming to this city 35 years ago he became foreman of the tinsmith shop conducted by the late George A. Anthoine in connection with his hardware store on Alfred street, now operated by Sam Osher. Several years afterwards he opened his own place of business in another section of the same block. Later he formed a partnership with his son-in-law, Joseph Haley, the concern being known as Jordan and Haley. Ow-

ing to failing health, Mr. Jordan retired a few years ago.

He was a member and past master of Dunlap lodge, F. & A. M., Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, and Adah chapter, No. 1, Order of the Eastern Star, this city; Rose Chapter, Sanford; Maine Council, No. 7, Royal and Select Masters, Saco; Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston; a 32nd Degree Mason; a deacon and active member of the Second Congregational church.

Besides his widow, Susan Getchell Jordan, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Helen M. Leach and Mrs. Ruth Haley, of this city; five grandchildren; three brothers, Thomas M., Biddeford, William J., Newark, N. J., and Luther Jordan, Lynchburg, Va.; several nieces and nephews.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends are invited to call previous to the funeral services there Thursday afternoon at 2.

JUNE 26, 1944.

Death Takes Harry Goodier

Paymaster At Saco-Lowell Shops

Lt. Col. Harry Goodier, 63, paymaster at the Saco-Lowell shops, veteran of the Spanish-American war and prominent in National Guard circles and having 13 months' service overseas in World War I, died at a hospital here this morning, following a brief illness.

He was born in this city, son of the late John and Alice (Starkey) Goodier, and attended schools here. For the past several years he had been a resident of Saco.

Lt. Col. Goodier submitted to an operation about two weeks ago and had since been in a serious condition.

He leaves his widow, Caroline Nichols Goodier, and a daughter, Corp. Bettina Goodier, serving with the WAC.

Lt. Goodier had been active in military service for the past 30 years. He enlisted as a private in the old Biddeford Light Infantry, March 1, 1900, and rapidly won promotion through the grades of corporal and sergeant. He received his first commission as second lieutenant in the First Maine regiment of infantry December 16,

1903, and when the infantry was changed over to coast artillery he became second lieutenant of the new Seventh company January 1, 1910. He was promoted to captain December 2, 1910, succeeding the late Captain Everett Holt.

After five years as captain, he was promoted to major of the regiment having charge of two companies at Lewiston, one at Auburn and one at Westbrook.

He served with Company G, N. G. S. M., of this city in Spanish-American War. During the World War he took a special course with officers at Fort Monroe, Va., and was overseas 13 months.

He was a former vice state commander of the American Legion, and commander of Richard C. Owen post, American Legion, of Saco.

Mr. Goodier was also a member of Dunlap lodge, F. and A. M., York chapter, R. and S. M., Bradford Commandery, K. T., a 32nd degree Mason, a member of Kora Shrine, a charter member of Annette chapter, Eastern Star, and a member of Trinity Episcopal church of Saco.

For several years he was employed as a registered druggist at the Boynton pharmacy in this city and later at the Sawyer drug store in Saco before entering the employ of the Saco-Lowell Shops and advancing to paymaster.

Mr. Goodier was active with patriotic organizations in this city and Saco, serving as parade marshal on several occasions and in other capacities.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Wednesday afternoon at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Friends may call at any time after Tuesday noon.

FEBRUARY 24, 1945

J. G. Lawrence, Veteran Mechanic, Is Dead In Saco

John G. Lawrence 77, of 22 Vernon street, Saco, pioneer garage operator in the two cities and one of the first residents of the two cities to own a gasoline operated passenger vehicle, died at a local hospital early today after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Lawrence was born in Drummondville, P. Q., the son of John and Mary (Armstrong) Lawrence. He became a resident of Saco 56 years ago and had maintained his home in that city since. When a young man he learned the machinist trade and shortly after his arrival in Saco opened a bicycle repairing shop on Storer street. Later he operated for a long period of years what is believed to be the first public automobile garage in this section of the state. Previous to retiring a few years ago he was employed as a machinist in the Pepperell mills for 15 years.

During his early career he attained considerable fame as a bicycle rider, and at one time was claimant of the state bicycle racing championship title after competition against many prominent riders in other parts of Maine. He was one of the founders of the York County Wheelmen's association, one of the outstanding organizations of its kind in this part

of New England for many years.

Former Alderman

He took a deep interest in civic affairs of Saco and for many years was active in Democratic politics of that city. At one period of his younger life he served as a member of the board of aldermen. He was known as one of Thornton academy's staunchest athletic team's supporters.

He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M., and Trinity (Episcopal) church of Saco.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Helen M. Lawrence, Scituate, Mass., and Mrs. Marie H. Lawrence, Boston, and a sister, Mrs. Fred Gillies, Portland Center, P. Q.

The body is at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call previous to funeral services there Monday afternoon at 2.

December 20, 1943



By Staff Photographer
DIRECTED BROADCAST—Mrs. Ruby Goodier Gove, vice chairman of the War Finance Committee of Region 9, York County, whose broadcast, featuring an Emery school cast in The Squander Bug's Christmas Carol Saturday urging greater purchase of war stamps and bonds, was an outstanding success.

JANUARY 6, 1944.

Death Takes Nelson Norwood

Nelson Norwood of Camp Ellis, former resident of this city and Saco, died early this morning at a local hospital, at the age of 74 years and two months.

He was born in this city, the son of Albert and Mary (Mell) Norwood.

Mr. Norwood leaves three sons, Frank L. of Rochester, N. E., Nelson E., of Saco, and Ralph G. of Boston; a daughter, Mrs. Estelle A. Emerson of Saco; a sister, Mrs. Mary Callahan of this city; and a brother, James Norwood of Fortunes Rocks; also grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He attended the First Parish church of Saco.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Dennett & Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.



Dies In Kennebunk



CHARLES E. ATWOOD
Former Postmaster and Business Man Here.

Chas. E. Atwood Dies At Home In Kennebunk

Was Prominent In This City

Charles E. Atwood, 99, businessman and postmaster in this city for several years, died Saturday night at his home on Storer street, Kennebunk, where he had made his home for the past 20 years. He was a prominent figure here before retiring from business.

Mr. Atwood was born in Williamsburg, Oct. 27, 1847, the son of Ira and Sarah (Bigelow) Atwood.

He came to Saco when 29 years old and took a position as traveling salesman for George M. Glasier and Co., Boston, dealers in coats and ladies' wear, with territory in the Western states from Salt Lake City to San Francisco, and also had an eastern trip which took him as far as Aroostook county in this state. He gave up that position to work as bookkeeper for Hill and Burnham, Saco, a coal firm.

On the retirement of Captain William Hill, Mr. Atwood bought his interests, and also purchased the dry goods store of Mrs. Record on Factory Island, operating both firms.

Mr. Atwood also equipped a plant to manufacture electricity and signed a contract with the late Mayor Roscoe Bowers to have Main street lighted by arc lamps. When the Peppercell was organized, Mr. Atwood was one

of the first citizens to buy stock in the company. In 1890 he was appointed factory inspector by Governor Cleaves, and held the position for two years.

He was appointed postmaster in this city in 1905 and served two terms and six months. Upon retirement from the postoffice he took an extended trip to the West coast, covering the same ground he had covered previously as a salesman.

About 20 years ago Mr. Atwood retired to Kennebunk to make his home.

He and Mrs. Atwood spent much time in Florida and also in Portland. He was quite active until the last few years, having a large garden at his Kennebunk home.

He leaves his wife.

Private funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 2 at the home in Kennebunk. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery in this city.

It is requested that flowers be omitted.



Leaving the gate after a day's work.

APRIL 13, 1945

David Kennedy, Saco Resident, Dies In Hospital

David A. Kennedy, 62, of 35 Jordan street, Saco, life-long resident of that city, for over 35 years employed as a member of the travelling machinery erecting crew of the Saco-Lowell Shops and widely known in textile circles both in this country and abroad, died at the Central Maine General hospital, at Lewiston, Thursday evening, following a lengthy illness.

Born in Saco, the son of David and Isabelle (Creighton) Kennedy, he was educated in the schools of that city. During his younger career he was employed 10 years as fireman by the Boston and Maine railroad. During the many years he was employed by the Saco-Lowell Shops, he travelled to many points in this country, Canada, South America, Europe and other foreign countries while engaged in erecting textile machinery manufactured by the local concern. He was a lover of all kinds of out-of-door sports especially boating and fishing.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Elsie Nyden before marriage; a daughter, Miss Isabelle Kennedy, Saco; three sons, Alfred N., a member of the U. S. Merchant Marine, Batey H., and David G. Kennedy, Saco; his parents; a brother, John A. Kennedy, Saco; one niece and two nephews.

The body is at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call previous to the funeral services there Monday afternoon at 2.

JUNE 2, 1945

C. E. Thompson, Saco Physician, Dies At Home

Staff Member At Webber Hospital

Dr. Clarence Edgar Thompson, 69, a resident of Saco for 43 years, died early this morning at his home, 21 North street.

Born in Lewiston, the son of James and Katherine (Keith)

Thompson, he attended schools there and graduated from Bowdoin Medical college in 1901.

He interned at the Eastern Maine General hospital, Bangor, and began his medical practice in Saco in 1902. Dr. Thompson was a member of the surgical staff of the Webber hospital at the time of its founding and was also a member of the American, York, and Maine Medical societies.

He was past president of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club, past master of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., and past district deputy of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

In recent years he served as examining physician at the Peppercell and York Manufacturing companies.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Ada Kemmer, Salem, Mass., Mrs. Ethel Pinkham, Portland; two nieces, Mrs. Katherine Vaughn and Miss Jane Buzzell, Rochester, N. Y., and 3 grandnieces, Miss Nancy Merchant, Saco, and Mary and Martha Vaughn, Rochester, N. Y.

Funeral services will take place Monday afternoon at 2 from his home, 21 North street, Saco.

JUNE 11, 1945

Carl Iverson, 81, Dies; Prominent In Saco Lodges

Carl Iverson, 81, a well-known resident of this city and Saco, and prominent in fraternal organizations of both cities, died Saturday at a local hospital.

He was born in Norway, Europe. He was a member of Saco lodge, F. and A. M.; York chapter of Masons; Maine council of Masons; Bradford Commandery; Kora Temple Shrine, and was a 32nd degree Mason. He also was a member of Annette chapter, O. E. S., Saco lodge of Odd Fellows, and served as Tyler of the Saco Masonic bodies and the Order of the Eastern Star.

He was a mariner in his early years and had visited all countries in Europe. At one time he was employed as a male nurse and for many years he was custodian of the Masonic block, Saco.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Annie B. Iverson, and a nephew, Lt. Gerald J. Perkins, U. S. Marine Corps.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

OCTOBER 19, 1945

Arthur D. Murphy Dies At Age Of 79

Arthur D. Murphy, 79, a resident of this city for more than 60 years, and a veteran employe of the Saco-Lowell shops previous to retirement, died Thursday evening at a local hospital.

He was born in Dayton, the son of Joseph and Olivia (Hill) Murphy.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Myron Savage, Saco; two grandsons, Arthur E. Savage, Saco, and M. Calman Savage, U. S. N., and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 from his home, 193 South street.

Charlotte Dennett Of Saco Bride Of Lt. Frederick Brandenburg



By Staff Photographer

Lt. and Mrs. Frederick Brandenburg (Miss Charlotte Dennett) who were married Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride in Saco.

Special Dispatch to The Press Herald
Saco, June 22—A wedding took place this afternoon at 4 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Carl G. Dennett, 74 North Street, when their daughter, Charlotte, became the bride of Lt. Frederick H. Brandenburg, U. S. Medical Corps, son of Dr. Harman P. Brandenburg of Denver, Colo. The Rev. Stanley A. Gould, minister of the First Parish Congregational Church, officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white slipper satin with a long circular train, a full length veil caught with a sweetheart tiara trimmed with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white rose buds and orchids.

The matron of honor was Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, sister of the bride, wearing a gun-metal tulle gown over gun-metal taffeta, a matching doll hat fashioned with a shoulder veil, and carrying a bouquet of yellow roses. Maid of honor was Miss Marjorie Dennett, another sister, who wore a gown of powder blue tulle over taffeta and matching shoulder veil, and carrying a bouquet of yellow roses. The bridegroom was attended by Thomas M. Cunningham. Miss Helen Hill was at the piano and violin selections were played.

Louis A. Patriquin. The home was decorated with huge baskets of garden flowers.

A reception followed with a large gathering of friends and relatives present. Miss Thea Dennett, aunt of the bride, was in charge of the guest book and Mrs. Sidney Winslow was in charge of gifts. Mrs. Wallace Cunningham served the wedding cake and Mrs. Carroll Hannaford presided over the punch-bowl.

Serving were Miss Martha Lane, Miss Beverly Lawe, Mrs. Arthur Starr, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss Esther Maybury, Mrs. Paul Chadbourne, Mrs. George Smith and Mrs. Frank Lacy.

The couple left in the afternoon on a wedding trip to Boston and Washington and will reside near

Camp Pickett, Va., where the bridegroom is stationed. Mrs. Brandenburg wore a rose dress, gray coat and black and white accessories for traveling.

The bride is a graduate of Thornton Academy, the Academy Moderne of Boston, and Endicott Junior College. Lieutenant Brandenburg was graduated from the University of Colorado and received his medical degree at Harvard. He interned at the Boston City Hospital.

OCTOBER 5, 1945

Former Teacher Dies Suddenly In Local Hospital

Annabel Thompson Socially Active

Mrs. Annabel E. Thompson, 59, wife of Edward C. Thompson, 471 Main street, a well-known resident of this city, died early this morning at a local hospital following a brief illness.

She was born here, the daughter of Oren B. and Ellen (Stackpole) Edwards, and began teaching in the local public schools in 1908 at District No. 7, where she taught until 1918. She was also a member of the faculty at the Washington street school for one year, and taught at the Birch street school from 1920 to 1938.

Mrs. Thompson was a member and past matron of Adah chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., and a member of the Past Matrons association of the chapter. She was also a member of the U. S. Grant W. R. C., the Thursday club, and a member and past president of the Delta Alpha club. She attended the Foss street Methodist church.

Surviving are her husband, one brother, Oren Edwards, this city; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, this city, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 from her late home, 471 Main street.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1945

J. S. Stickney, Prominent Saco Resident, Dies

Maine Wild Life Research Head

Joseph S. Stickney, 62, a well known resident of Saco and director of Maine's Wild Life Research division for the past six years, died Sunday in Mercy hospital, Portland, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Stickney, former supervisor for 11 years of Inland Fisheries and Game Department wardens in Southern Maine, and one of the most widely-known authorities on fish and game in New England, was born in Portland, the son of Henry and Lou (Carpenter) Stickney. His father was head of a large industrial firm there.

He received his education in the Portland schools, and prior to becoming associated with the Fisheries and Game Department, was an architect affiliated with George Burnham in Portland, and he later conducted his own office in Saco.

He was one of the principal originators and a charter member of the Biddeford and Saco chapter of the York County Fish and Game association, and was designer of the Round Pond lodge of the organization at Goodwins Mills.

Valuable Aide

As warden supervisor for the southern sector, he proved a valuable aide to the Fish and Game Commissioner, and travelled extensively throughout the state, acquiring a large collection of photographs of wild life.

His appointment as research director, whose work is carried on in conjunction with the federal government, was made by Commissioner George J. Stobie, July 18, 1939.

Stickney was a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Masonic bodies in Saco, Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, this city, and Kora Temple Shrine. He attended the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

As a young man, he journeyed with two other Portland men to the Klondike region, Alaska, prospecting for gold.

Surviving are his widow, Dr. Laura Black Stickney, Saco; a

son, Sgt. Richard F. Stickney, U. S. A. A. T.; a daughter, Miss Joan Stickney, a sister, Mrs. Harry E. Sutton, West Roxbury, Mass., and a brother, Charles E. Stickney, Portland.

Friends may call at his late home, 10 Cutts avenue, Saco, prior to funeral services Wednesday afternoon at 2 in the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

JULY 7, 1945

Illness Fatal To Mrs. Fannie Dolby, Prominent In Saco

Member Of Several Clubs

Mrs. Fannie A. Dolby, 80, a resident of this city and Saco nearly all her life, and wife of former Alderman George H. Dolby, died this morning at her home, 18 Elm street, Saco, following a long illness.

She was born in Portland, the daughter of Richard and Margaret (Gordon) Armstrong, and was the oldest member of the Trinity Episcopal church, Saco. She was a member of the Trinity Guild and the Ladies auxiliary of the church, and was a member and past State Department president of the Fred S. Gurney W. R. C., Saco. She was also affiliated with Pine Cone Temple, Pythian Sisters, and the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco.

Surviving are her husband, one daughter, Miss Florence G. Dolby; one sister, Mrs. Sarah J. Speck, Saco; one niece and several nephews.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call until noon, Monday. Funeral services will take place Monday afternoon at 2 from the Trinity Episcopal church. Friends are asked to omit flowers.

Guest Of Honor



OCT. 19, 1945

James V. Neithercut, Governor-elect of the Kiwanis New England district, who will be honored Monday evening at the Ladies Night program, sponsored by the Saco and Biddeford Kiwanis club at the Cascade lodge.

OCTOBER 8, 1945

John B. Morin, Aged Druggist, Dies At Home

Funeral Rites On Wednesday

John B. Morin, 87, senior member of the Morin Drug company, 258 Main street, dean of Main street business men, and the oldest pharmacy operator of the two cities, died at his home, 17 Cutts street, Sunday.

While in failing health for a long time he had been able up to within the past few weeks to make regular visits at his pharmacy and take short automobile rides in the company of his daughter, Miss Laura Morin, who has made her home with her father for many years.

Mr. Morin was a native of Roxton Falls, P. Q., the son of Leandre and Rose (Frechette) Morin. He came to this city 75 years ago and had continued to retain his residence here since. After receiving a grammar school education he came to this city with his parents in 1870, and after being employed in local textile plants for a time, formed a partnership with the late John B. Morin in operating a grocery store and meat market on Alfred street for many years prior to Mr. Morin's retirement from the concern.

In 1894 Mr. Morin purchased the drug store in the Shaw block, operated at that time by the late Henry G. Hutchinson, and conducted the place under the name of the John B. Morin drug store until his son, Jerome A. Morin, graduated from college and received his registered pharmacist degree and the name of the store was changed to the Morin Drug company.

After conducting the business in that location for over 43 years, the firm was forced to change its location through the leasing of the store by the Gofkauf's Stores, Inc., and took up new quarters in Masonic building, where a pharmacy has been operated since 1937.

The store is also the local headquarters and waiting room of the Boston and Maine Transportation company, and the York Utilities Bus concern.

Property Owner

He was a charter member of Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique society of this city, a member of Biddeford Council, Knights of Columbus, for more than 50 years and was affiliated with St. Jean Baptiste de Bienfaisance society. Mr. Morin was the owner of several parcels of real estate in this city, Old Orchard Beach and Watertown for many years. Some of the property has been disposed of in late years. While he took an interest in local civic affairs, he never sought political office.

He was married Feb. 22, 1881, to Sarah Lefleur, of this city. Mrs. Morin died several years ago. Four children, Edward, Jerome A., Laura B., and Rosa, were born to the couple.

Surviving relatives are his son, former Mayor Jerome A. Morin, two daughters, Miss Laura Morin, of this city, and Mrs. Rosa Para-

dis, Montreal; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Morin home, 17 Cutts street, where friends may call between 9 a. m. and 11 p. m. previous to the funeral at St. Joseph church Wednesday morning at 9.

Members of Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique society will assemble at the home at 6:30 this evening when memorial prayers will be conducted. Members of Biddeford council, No. 260, will gather at K. of C. hall on Main street at 6:45 for the purpose of journeying to the Morin home where prayers will be offered.

Officers and members of St. Jean Baptiste de Bienfaisance society will assemble at the headquarters of the organization at 7:30 this evening to proceed in a body to the J. B. Morin home on Cutts street, where prayers for Mr. Morin, a member of the society, will be conducted.

OCTOBER 10, 1945

John B. Morin Rites Held This Morning

Funeral services for John B. Morin, well-known druggist, took place this morning at 9 from St. Joseph church.

Rev. Zenon Charette was the celebrant of the solemn requiem high mass, assisted by Rev. Au-



JOHN B. MORIN

rele E. Lemelin as deacon and Rev. Robert R. Lavoie as sub-deacon.

Delegations were present from Union St. Jean Baptiste and St. Jean Baptiste de Bienfaisance.

Bearers were members of Biddeford council, Knights of Columbus, including Raynald Larochelle, Rene Roy, John Sullivan, Michael Twomey, Raymond Hobbins and Major Lessard.

Interment was in the family lot at St. Joseph cemetery, with Rev. Fr. Lavoie officiating at the grave.

Out-of-town attendants were: Paul Scott Morin, Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Lucille Sylvain, Portsmouth, N. H.; Mrs. Geraldine Roberts, New York city, N. Y.; Dr. J. Morin, Rochester, N. H., and S. Sgt. Norman Morin, Westover Field, Mass.

JANUARY 10, 1945

Fred C. Watson Dies In Hospital

Personal Friend Of Late President

Fred C. Watson, 80, of 6 Grant street, retired, a prominent resident of this city for over 60 years, died at a Biddeford hospital Tuesday evening where he had been undergoing treatment.

He was a native of North Saco, son of the late Ephraim and Georgianna (Townsend) Watson. He was educated in the Saco schools. As a young man he spent much time at Elk Horn ranch, Montana, during which time he made the acquaintance of the late President Theodore Roosevelt, of Bull Moose political fame, owner of the ranch.

After Mr. Watson returned to his native state, the special train conveying the late President and party on a political tour throughout Maine made a brief stop at Old Orchard Beach.

After the President spoke, Mr. Watson attempted to make his way through the crowd to exchange greetings with the distinguished visitor. As the President saw Mr. Watson he recognized him as an old ranch hand and gave orders to the delegation on board the train to give the local resident preference in coming to the platform as quickly as possible.

The president greeted him by saying "Hello, Fred Watson, my ranch pal of Montana. How are you, old boy? I am certainly glad to see you!"

Mr. Watson was given credit for stealing the show that day as the politicians were forced to take a back seat while the two former western ranch companions exchanged reminiscences.

Works At Saco-Lowell

Shortly after his return East, Mr. Watson, who had previously learned the blacksmith's trade, entered the employ of Townsend Brothers, who operated a carriage factory on Washington street. Later, he accepted a position as foreman of the blacksmith department at the Saco-Lowell Shops and continued in the employ of the concern until 1937, when, due to failing health, he retired.

He was a member of the Jefferson Street Baptist church, now known as the United Baptist church, for many years. He served as superintendent of the Sunday school of the church for several years.

Mr. Watson was one of the oldest members of Laconia Lodge, I. O. O. F.; Dunlap Lodge, F. & A. M.; and the United Baptist church of this city. He was also a member of the Mechanics Blues association and York County Wheelmen's club.

At the time of death he was president of the Townsend Family Reunion group of Buxton Lower Corner.

Besides his widow, the former Lizzie Goodwin, he leaves a son, Paul H. Watson, Kennebunk; three grandchildren; a brother,

Stephen N. Watson, Saco, and a half brother, Cyrus Watson, Brookline, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 1.30. Friends may call at the funeral parlors starting this evening.

SEPTEMBER 19, 1945

William Hobson Dies Suddenly At Waterford

Former Saco City Official

William Hobson, 77, a former prominent resident of Saco, and for the past two years a resident of Waterford, died suddenly Tuesday at the home of his son in Waterford.

He was born in Limington, the son of Jabec and Eliza J. Hobson, and attended the schools of that town and Limington academy. He came to Saco in 1915 from West Buxton, where he was employed as a storekeeper for many years. He served as Saco jailor from 1921 to 1928, when he was appointed city marshal, and held that office until 1930. He also served as Saco street commissioner from 1930 to 1931.

He was a member and Past Noble Grand of the West Buxton lodge of Odd Fellows. He married Florence I. Thomas of Standish in 1888, and she died in 1921.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. George A. Nutter and Mrs. Freeman Googins, both of Westbrook; three sons, Herbert H. Hobson, West Buxton, Edward P. Hobson, Waterford, and Jabec W. Hobson, Boston; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will take place Friday afternoon at 2 from the Shumway Funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

AUGUST 10, 1945

Mrs. Mary Chellis, 78, Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Mary L. Chellis, 78, wife of Albert L. Chellis, and a resident of Saco for 40 years, died Thursday evening at a local hospital.

She was born in Camden, the daughter of Charles R. and Olive (Fredson) Bowers, and was a member of Annette chapter, No. 184, O. E. S., the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, and the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco. She was also the Board of Managers of the Wardwell home.

She is survived by one sister, Miss Jennie B. Bowers; two nephews, Maurice A. Bowers, Yarmouth, and Clarence Bowers, Camden, and one cousin, Miss Bessie Bowers, Camden.

Funeral services will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Friends will omit flowers.

AUGUST 3, 1945

Illness Fatal To Robert B. Seidel, Veteran Attorney

Active Career In Democratic Ranks

Robert Bradley Seidel, 73, former county attorney and one of southwestern Maine's oldest



Robert B. Seidel

A best known practicing attorney, for many years one of the state's top Democratic leaders, in recent years a resident of Goose Rocks Beach, Kennebec County, died at a local hospital shortly after 1:15 this morning where he had been undergoing treatment for the past two weeks. Mr. Seidel had been in failing health for the past few years but he commuted nearly every day from his home at Goose Rocks to his offices in the Paquin building to attend to his law business up within two weeks, when he experienced an ill turn and entered the institution where he died. He appeared to be rallying from the attack when he suffered a relapse last Sunday and his condition then started to rapidly weaken.

Born In Saco

A native of Saco, son of the late John and Ellen (Knowles) Seidel, his family became residents of this city when he was young and was educated in the Biddeford public schools.

During his younger career he was for a time employed in the Pepperell mills previous to accepting a position as a clerk in the employ of Rowland Hill, who conducted a clothing and gent's furnishing goods store on Main street.

Later he studied law at the office of the late Judge Edwin Cram in this city. He was admitted to the York County bar to practice law in 1897 and later secured office space in practicing his legal profession in the offices of the late Associate Justice George F. Haley. He formed a partnership with Attorney C. Wallace Harmon of Saco with offices in the Biddeford Savings bank building. Attorney John F. Burnham was also accepted as a partner in the firm, which later became known as

Harmon-Seidel and Burnham. When the firm dissolved partnership several years afterward, Mr. Seidel again engaged in business for himself.

In late years his services were widely known by many Southwestern Maine attorneys, business men, town and city officials seeking interpretations of points of law.

During his younger life, Mr. Seidel served as a representative from this city to the Maine legislature. During 1935 and 1936 he served as county attorney.

Active Democrat

He was active for many years both as a worker and leader in local, county, state and national political organizations and held the personal acquaintance of many former and present officeholders and leaders of the present Democratic administration. His services were sought on many occasions as a campaign speaker at political rallies held in the state in the interest of the party with which he was affiliated.

He was a member of the York County and Maine State Bar associations and other similar legal organizations. He was a member of the former Emmett Literary society of this city.

He is survived by his wife, the former Beatrice Hunting; a sister, Miss Mary E. Seidel, a former assistant principal of the Emery school of this city; two nephews, Dr. John Charles Seidel, Portland, Dr. Albin R. Seidel, New York city, and three nieces, the Misses Elizabeth S. and Josephine Seidel and Mrs. Oscar Perreault, all of this city.

The body will be at the W. A. Cosgrove funeral home, 326 Elm street, until Sunday afternoon at 2, when a libera will be conducted at St. Mary church. A requiem high mass will be celebrated at St. Mary church Monday morning at an hour to be announced during the Sunday services at the church.

Official Tribute Paid To Late Mayor

The flag at the City building is flying at half mast today by order of Mayor Louis B. Lausier, out of respect to the late Mayor Hartley C. Banks of this city.

OCTOBER 13, 1945

OLD PAVILION CHURCH.

Journal Editor:

I have been very much interested reading the book recently issued by the Pepperell Manufacturing company entitled, "Men and Times of Pepperell," but there was one institution in our city, now extinct, which was closely allied with the Pepperell which was not mentioned in the book. I refer to the old Pavilion church, now the McArthur library. Perhaps the question might be asked, "What connection can there be between the old Pavilion church and Pepperell Mill?" I will tell you.

The Pavilion church was organized in 1857 in the upper room of the pepperell office, and the people of that church worshipped there while the church was being built, thus my parents, both of whom worked in the Pepperell mill six days a week, worshipped Almighty God on the seventh in the upper room of the Pepperell office.

The church was founded by the late William P. Haines, the first regular agent of the Pepperell,

who, with 25 others, withdrew from the White church and formed the Pavilion church.

Although the church was founded during the war, war nor politics had anything to do with it.

The minister of the White church, Old Parson Gould (Rev. Samuel M.) became involved in a little trouble with the church and was obliged to resign. Mr. Haines and the others whose sympathies were wholly with Parson Gould withdrew from the church and took Parson Gould with them, who became the first pastor of the Pavilion church.

The church flourished for a long time; it might be called a Pepperell church. The two superintendents of the Pepperell and Laconia mills, R. M. Hobbs and James G. Brackett, were very much interested in the church, and the over seers and employees made up a large part of the congregation.

The death of Mr. Haines was a sad blow to the church, but the church found a good friend in Mrs. Haines, who assumed her husband's obligations and maintained her interest throughout her long life.

During the pastorate of Rev. T. A. Frey of the Pavilion church, he made an unsuccessful attempt to unite the two churches. I remember well the parish meeting at the Pavilion church, where it was decided the Pavilion would not unite. The stirring address of the Hon. Edwin Stone, who spoke in opposition to the union, said, "I speak the sentiments of people near and dear to me," referring to Mrs. Haines who was living at that time and whose husband founded the Pavilion church.

Mr. Frey accepted a call to the White church and took a large part of the congregation with him.

Although the Pavilion church extended a call to another minister, which was accepted, it was soon seen that with the loss of the members who went to the White church, and the death of Mrs. Haines, that the end the church was in sight.

At attempt by a number of business men to gain possession of the property to devote it to

business purposes was frustrated, but when the generous offer of Mr. McArthur was made, the people of the church gladly accepted it and turned over their rights in the church to form the McArthur library.

There are a few living in the city today who were brought up in the old Pavilion church, and I know that all of us have very many pleasant recollections of the old church, its people, and former ministers, whom I will mention. I remember them all except the first pastor.

Rev. Samuel Gould (Parson); Rev. Charles Tenney (Elder); Rev. Mr. Chalmers; Rev. Edward Chase; Rev. Merrill Blanchard; Rev. T. M. Davies; Rev. T. A. Frey; Rev. F. P. Estabrook.

In the year 1883, during the pastorate of Rev. Merrill Blanchard, the church was destroyed by fire.

James H. Bradbury.

FEBRUARY 22, 1945

George D. Buck, Once City Clerk At Saco, Dies

George D. H. Buck, 69, lifelong resident of the two cities and a former city clerk, collector of taxes, and alderman of Saco, died at his home, 120 Elm street, Wednesday evening, following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Buck was born in Biddeford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Buck. After receiving his education in the schools of Biddeford and Saco, he entered the employ of his father, who for many years operated a hardware store in Saco. At the death of his father, he continued to conduct the business for some years previous to disposing of the place.

He served as a member of the Board of Aldermen of Saco, representing Ward 7, and was city clerk during one of the administrations of the late Mayor John G. Smith. Later he was a member of the Examiners' staff of the State Banking commission.

Previous to retiring several years ago, Mr. Buck was employed in secretarial work at the Saco-Lowell office here.

He was a lover of sports and was one of the last residents in this area who operated old-fashioned high-wheel bicycles.

He was active in local, county, and state Republican circles during his younger life and was a member of the former York County Wheelmen's association; Saco lodge, F. and A. M.; York chapter Maine council, Royal and Select Masters; Bradford commandery, Knights Templar. He attended the School street Methodist church, Saco.

He is survived by his wife, Helen Stimson Buck.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

JUNE 8, 1945

Illness Fatal To George E. Ricker

George E. Ricker, 72, a lifelong resident of this city and Saco, died Thursday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elmer Burrill, Shelburne, Mass., where he had been residing for the past few months.

Born in this city, the son of George B. and Abbie (Morrill) Ricker, he operated a clothing store in Saco for several years, and was employed as a travelling salesman previous to retirement a few years ago. He was a member of a Masonic lodge and the Shrine.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Richard Googins, Saco, and Mrs. Elmer Burrill, Shelburne, Mass.; five grandchildren, and several cousins.

Funeral services will take place Sunday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

THURSDAY

Saco C Of 184

Members and First Parish church, Saco, will begin the beginning year of the historic Sunday morning service the important Parish church in the life of the community. Rev. St. will speak on the Elements of a Congregation. The history of the church in Saco, particularly the early years of the growth of the community according to the records, a day of Fast or was set apart for the purpose of church in Pepperell the town was then date of the original First Parish church more than three that the organization it was on June 8, Legislature of Maine off the new town of Saco, which until 1855, when it more convenient

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THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 11, 1945

Buck, Clerk Dies

Mr. 69, lifelong resident and a collector of old items of Saco, died at his home on Main street, Wednesday morning following a long illness.

He was born in Biddeford, Maine, and was receiving his education at the Biddeford High School. He entered the service in 1917, and was honorably discharged in 1919. He was a member of the Saco, representing the city in the administration of Mayor John W. Saco, and was a member of the staff of the Saco.

During several years he was employed at the Saco.

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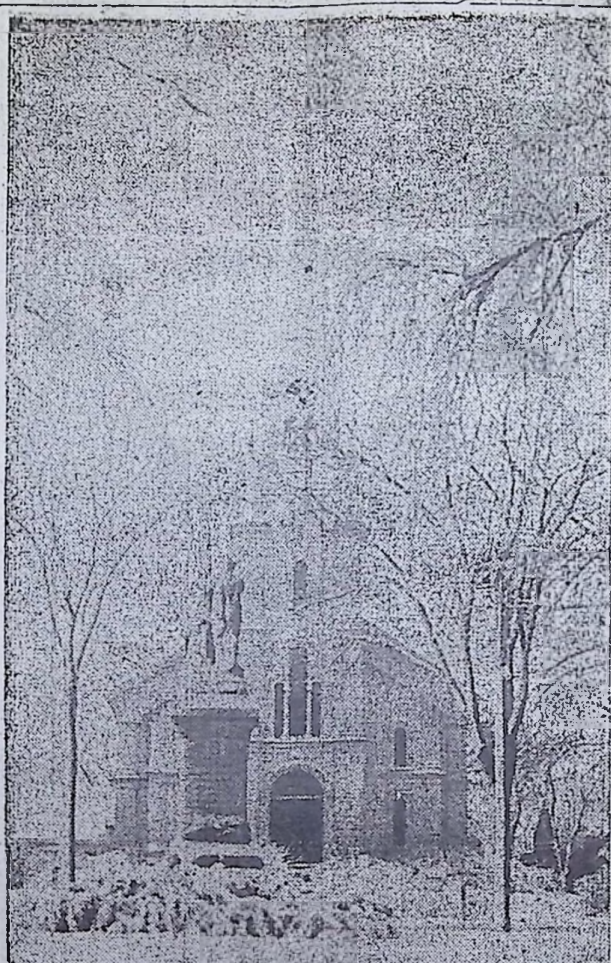
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Saco Church To Mark Start Of 184th Year Next Sunday



Saco Congregational Church

Members and friends of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, will join in observing the beginning of the 184th year of the historic organization Sunday morning at 10:45.

Sunday morning will emphasize the importance of the First Parish church in the developing life of the community when the minister, Rev. Stanley A. Gould, will speak on the theme, "Some Elements of a Continuing Faith."

The history of the First Parish is in many respects the history of Saco, particularly during the early years of the settlement and growth of the community. According to the records of the town, a day of Fasting and Prayer was set apart Oct. 13, 1762, "for the purpose of gathering a church in Pepperellborough," as the town was then called. The date of the organization of the First Parish church is a little more than three months later that the organization of the town. It was on June 8, 1762, that the Legislature of Massachusetts set off the new township of Pepperellborough, which was so called until 1805, when the older and more convenient name of Saco

was restored.

For a period of 50 years this was the only church in Saco and was the Parish church. The church retained its connection with the town until 1825, when it was set off as the First Parish. This action was in keeping with a petition by the members of the church who recognized the developing religious life of the community and that the community had outgrown the institution of a "Town church" and therefore voluntarily relinquished all claim to support by taxation. As was to be expected, however, it was many years before the separation became complete, and the town of Saco continued to hold its town meetings in the church building.

First Built In 1757

The first House of Worship was built in 1757 on the site of the present Pepperell park. The congregation continued to use this building until 1805, when new church building was erected on the present site on the corner of Main and Beach streets. The new structure was admired as being the most attractive and costly church edifice in the state. It was in this new building that the citizens of Saco met to act upon

the petition to the Legislature of Massachusetts, seeking independence as a state for the territory of Maine.

The new building was equipped with a Paul Revere bell, which was installed in a lantern tower. During the war of 1812 a seafaring man was stationed in the tower to watch the coast line and report the approach of enemy vessels. Much excitement was aroused when an enemy frigate did appear and proceeded to shell and burn the property at Cutts landing. In July of 1860, the church building was completely destroyed by fire and a third, the present building, was erected upon the foundation in 1863.

From the ruins of the old church, the metal of the bell was salvaged and is preserved in the casting of the present bell and in the chimies of the organ. The present church building is notable for its preservation of the beauty and grace of Colonial architecture, for its lovely picture windows, all of which have been executed by outstanding artists in the craft, and for its magnificent organ, one of the largest and most complete in the state.

The original membership list included but 11 names, all males. They are: Tristan Jordan, Amos Chase, Robert Patterson, Jr., Andrew Bradstreet, Gersham Billings, John Fairfield, Robert Patterson, Robert Edgcomb, Samuel Banks, Magnus Ridlon, and Thomas Edgcomb.

Rev. John Fairfield was the first pastor and served the church for more than 50 years. Twenty three ministers have followed him. The present pastor, Rev. Mr. Gould, was called to the ministry of the church in June, 1943. At present there are 251 active communicants of the church and the Corporation owns property in excess of \$68,000.

MARCH 26, 1945

W.C. Bryant Dies; Fortunes Rocks Hotel Proprietor

Former Assessor For City Of Saco

Warren Clement Bryant, 67, one of Saco's and Biddeford's most widely-known life-long residents, a former postmaster at Fortunes Rocks and operator of the Fortunes Rocks hotel and casino for many years, died at his home in that community this forenoon following a long illness.

He was born in this city, son of the late Warren and Myra (Seavey) Bryant. He was educated in the schools of this city, Gray's Business college, Portland, and Phillips Andover academy. When a young man he learned the painter's trade and during his younger career was engaged in this work and also in operating an interior and exterior decorating place of his own, employing a large crew of workmen. During his younger life he operated a smoke shop in this city and later a grocery business in Saco for many years. He was a lover of sports and out-of-door recreations, especially trout fishing. He

was in the summer season for many years during his early life. He was an attendant of the Second Congregational church of this city.

Besides his wife, who was Jessie G. Garland, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Lewis C. Briggs, 3rd, Marblehead, Mass.; two grandsons: three sisters, Mrs. Hortense Bond, of this city, Mrs. Mildred D. Smith, Reading, Mass., and Dr. Isabelle Hieserick, wife of Dr. J. H. Hieserick, chiropractor, of Fortunes Rocks, and a half-sister, Mrs. Ethel B. Libby, Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2.

APRIL 9, 1945

Illness Fatal To Mrs. Sadie Cleaves

Mrs. Sadie Adams Cleaves, 75, wife of Byron H. Cleaves, Saco general contractor, who was widely known in Saco, county and State Rebekah and Women's Literary clubs for many years, died at her home, 40 Maple street, Sunday, after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of Frank and Julia (Chase) Adams, and was a life-long resident there. She was a member and past noble grand of Saco Rebekah lodge and for many years took an active part in the affairs of the lodge as well as in the county and state chapters of the order. On many occasions she assisted her husband in his work as a degree master for Rebekah drill teams at local and district meetings.

Mrs. Cleaves was a past president of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco. She was active in the School street Methodist church.

She is survived by her husband and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2. Friends are invited to call at the funeral home previous to the hour of the service.

MARCH 26, 1945

Mollie P. Ring, Former Teacher, Dies At Beach

Mrs. Mollie P. Ring, 55, a former teacher in the Saco Public schools and for many years a resident of that city, died at an Old Orchard Nursing home Sunday, following a long illness.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of George W. and Mary (Hearn) Perry. Her father for many years operated a shoe store on Main street in Saco. She was a sister of the late city clerk Ralph N. Perry of the same city. For many years she was a member of the Saco United Baptist church.

She is survived by a daughter, Miss Anne Ring, Boston.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30.

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Joseph S. Stickney, 62, Director Maine Wild Life Research, Dies

Fish And Game Head 11 Years

Joseph S. Stickney, 62, of Saco, for the last six years director of Maine's Wild Life Research Division and previously supervisor for 11 years of Inland Fisheries and Game Department wardens in Southern Maine, died Sunday in the Mercy Hospital following an illness of several months.

Mr. Stickney, one of the most widely-known authorities on fish and game in New England, was born in Portland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Stickney, his father being head of a large industrial firm here. He received his education in Portland schools and for some time before becoming associated with the Fisheries and Game department, was an architect, being associated with George Burnham in Portland and later having his own office at Saco.

As warden supervisor for the southern sector, he proved a valuable aide to the Fish and Game Commissioner, and he also had traveled extensively throughout the state, acquiring a large collection of photographs of wild life.

His appointment to the position of research director, whose work is carried on in conjunction with the federal government, was made by Commissioner George J. Stobie July 18, 1939.

Mr. Stickney was a member of the Masonic bodies in his home city, including Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, of Biddeford.

Surviving are his widow, Dr. Laura Black Stickney of Saco; a son, Sgt. Richard F. Stickney, USA; a daughter, Joan; a sister, Marjory H. Sullivan of West Roxbury, Mass., and a brother, Charles B. Stickney of Portland. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2.30 p. m. in the First Parish Congregational Church, Saco.

APRIL 13, 1945

F. A. Scammon, Saco Farmer, Dies At Home

Former Head Of Saco Retreat

Frank A. Scammon, 72, for many years superintendent of the Saco Retreat and a lifelong resident of that city, died this morning at his home on the Buxton road, following a long illness.

He was born in Saco, the son of Franklin and Olevia (Allen) Scammon. He was a farmer by occupation and was widely known in market gardening circles in this section of the county. He served as superintendent of the Saco Retreat for twenty years



Joseph S. Stickney

at different periods. He took an active part in Saco politics during his younger life, and at one time served as a member of the overseers of the poor.

He was a member and past master of Saco Grange.

He is survived by his widow, Mildred R. Scammon; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Bye, Syracuse, N. Y.; two sons, G. Frank Scammon and Milan W. Scammon, Saco; a brother, Fred Scammon, Topsham; a sister, Mrs. Benjamin Merve, Saco; and a half-brother, Herbert Scammon, Saco.

The body is at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call previous to funeral services there Monday afternoon at 3.30.

OCTOBER 6, 1945

Mabel L. Watson Dies In Saco At Age Of 93 Years

Mrs. Mabel L. Watson, 93, a resident of Saco for more than 75 years, and widow of James H. Watson, died early this morning at the home 85 Temple street.

She was born in Naples, the daughter of Hezekiah J. and Mary (Russell) Leavitt, and was a member of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, and a member and clerk of the Providence association for many years. She was also a member of the Saco United Baptist church.

Surviving are a son, Arthur L. Watron, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Etta M. Cleaves, Augusta, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will take place Monday afternoon at 2.30 from the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 305 Main street, Saco.

MAY 29, 1945

George A. Haley, Biddeford Native, Dies In Roxbury

George Albert Haley, 74, of 103 Smith street, Roxbury, Mass., a native of this city and for a number of years Saco reporter for the Journal, and for many years associated with theatrical work in Boston and the Eastern Massachusetts area, died Saturday in a Boston hospital, it was learned here today.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John C. Haley, his father for years having been a meat cutter in local markets, he attended local grade schools and graduated from the high school in the class of 1891. After leaving the Journal, he, in association with the late Daniel Holmes, established the Westbrook Chronicle, a weekly newspaper.

Later he became associated with moving picture theaters and with dramatic productions in and about Boston.

While in this city, he attended the First Universalist church and was a prominent member of the old Universalist Dramatic club. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, serving as past grand of Laconia lodge in 1897, and a member of the York County Wheelmen's association.

On January 24, this year, Mr. and Mrs. Haley, the former Grace Durrell of Saco, quietly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their Roxbury home.

Besides his widow, he is survived by a daughter, Miss Eldena Haley.

Services will be conducted at the graveside in Greenwood cemetery Wednesday at 1 P. M.

MAY 15, 1945

Elmer T. Roberts, Formerly Of Saco, Is Dead In Hollis

Elmer T. Roberts, 83, a former superintendent of Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco, and resident of that city for many years, died at his home in Hollis this morning after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Roberts was a native of Hollis, the son of Calvin and Dorcas (Weymouth) Roberts. After spending much of his early life in that town, he became a resident of Saco and was employed as a chauffeur and gardener at the Albert Gilman residence on Main street for many years. Later he was employed at Laurel Hill cemetery for a time before becoming superintendent of burials there. He retired from this position about 10 years ago and returned to Hollis where he had made his home since that time.

While a resident of Saco he was an active member of the Second Parish Unitarian church. He was also a member of Hollis Grange, the Improved Order of Red Men tribe of Sanford.

Besides his widow, the former Evie Smith, he leaves a nephew, Frank W. Day, Hollis.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2.

JUNE 26, 1945

Annie Iverson Dies Two Weeks After Husband

Mrs. Annie B. Iverson, 78, a resident of Saco for nearly 50 years ago, and widow of Carl Iverson, who died two weeks ago, died Monday at a local hospital following a long illness.

She was born in East Rochester, N. H., the daughter of William P. and Helen (Wallingford) Abbott. She was a member and past matron of Annette chapter, No. 184, O. E. S., Saco, and Saco Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F.

Surviving are a niece of East Rochester, N. H., and a grand-nephew, Lt. Gerald J. Perkins, USMC.

Funeral services will take place Thursday afternoon at 2.30 from the Dennett and Craig Funeral Home, 305 Main street, Saco.

—Portland, —June 10, 1945—



SACO BETROTHAL—Miss Beverly Faye Lawe of Saco, whose engagement to Lt. Comdr. Nelson R. Hiller, USMS, son of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hiller of New York City and Mattapoisett, Mass., is announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Lawe of North Street, Saco. Miss Lawe was graduated from Thornton Academy and attended Lasell Junior College. Lieutenant Hiller attended high school at Fairhaven, Mass., and Mt. Hermon School, and was graduated from the U. S. Maritime Service Officers' School at New London, Conn. He received a promotion from lieutenant last week.

AUGUST 8, 1945

Miss Annie Scammon Is Dead In Saco

Miss Annie L. Scammon, a life-long resident of Saco, who travelled extensively in her younger years, died this morning at the Bennett home, Nott street, Saco.

Funeral arrangements will be made pending the arrival of out-of-town relatives.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1945

John J. Dunn, Prominent Local Resident, Dies

Merchant Active In Civic Affairs

John J. Dunn, 69, of 51 State street, manager of the A. H. Benoit and company clothing store in the Masonic building on Main



street, a member of the Biddeford Board of Education and a former city treasurer, died at his summer home, 94 West Grand avenue, Old Orchard Beach, this morning following an illness of several months.

While he had been in failing health for several months and had given up his business activities, he had been able to be out and around for short walks at the Beach up to within a few days.

Mr. Dunn was born in this city, Dec. 8, 1875, the son of Patrick and Mary (McLaughlin) Dunn. He was educated in the Biddeford public and high schools and was a member of athletic teams of the schools. After graduating from high school, he secured employment in the weaving department of the Pepperell Mills and later was employed in the Saco Water company shops, which became a part of the Saco-Lowell Shops, where he learned the machinist trade.

Becomes Clerk

His next venture was as a clerk at the clothing store operated in this city by the late A. H. Benoit, founder of the Benoit and company stores, with whom he had formerly worked as a weaver in the Pepperell mills. Mr. Benoit, recognizing the ability of Mr. Dunn to become an executive of his company, promoted him to manager of the store after his brother, the late Charles A. Benoit, retired from that position and the firm became known as the Benoit-Dunn company.

Several years later, following the death of the founder of the store and changes which became effective in the controlling interests of the concern, then operating stores in many cities of New En-

gland, the name of the firm was changed to A. H. Benoit and company with Mr. Dunn's services still being retained as manager. He served as manager and clerk of the Benoit clothing store here for nearly a half-century.

He was one of the community's outstanding civic and business leaders, being affiliated with Biddeford council, Knights of Columbus, and filling all the leading offices in that organization at different periods; Fourth degree, Knights of Columbus; Holy Name society of St. Mary parish; York Loan association; Sons of Union Veterans and the Biddeford and Saco Chamber of Commerce. He served the latter organization as a member and president of the board of directors, chairman of various committees and in other capacities. He was a former member of the Saco-Biddeford Kiwanis club and the Emmett Literary society.

Interested in Politics

In politics, Mr. Dunn was interested in the activities of the Democratic party. He was active in local, county and state Democratic circles. Several years ago he was elected city treasurer. For the past several years he had served as a member of the Biddeford Board of Education. He has in recent years annually donated the trophies awarded the winners of the Biddeford Grammar School league. He was a communicant at St. Mary church.

He is survived by his wife, the former Georgianna Archambault; a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Fournier, Saco; a brother, William Dunn, Worcester, Mass.; and a sister, Miss Isabel P. Dunn, R. N., New Haven, Conn.

The body is at his home, 51 State street, in this city, where friends are invited to call. Funeral services will be held at St. Mary church Monday morning at 9.

Mayor Louis B. Lausier ordered the flag at the top of City building displayed at half-mast in respect to Mr. Dunn.

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Saco Navy Nurse Engaged To Wed



Ensign Virginia G. Holt, USNR

Capt. and Mrs. Clarence E. Holt (Ret. USA) of Main Street, Saco, announce the engagement of their daughter, Ensign Virginia Goodwin Holt, Nurses Corps, USNR, to Lt.

SDAY EVENING, AUGUST 2, 1944.

MARRIED RECENTLY



LIEUT. AND MRS. DAVID J. CAVANAUGH

Married in California in June, the marriage being announced this week. Mrs. Cavanaugh is the former Virginia G. Holt, ensign in the Navy Nurses' Corps, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Clarence E. Holt of Saco.

David James Cavanaugh, Civil Engineering Corps, Volunteer Service, USNR, son of Jeremiah Cavanaugh of Holyoke, Mass.

Ensign Holt was graduated from Thornton Academy, Saco, Simmons College and the New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing, Boston. She enlisted in the Navy Nurse Corps in May, 1942, and has been stationed in the South Pacific for the past 14 months.

Lieutenant Cavanaugh was graduated from the high school at Holyoke, Mass., and received his degree in civil engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was sent overseas in July, 1942, after receiving his commission in the Navy and has been stationed at various locations in the Southwest Pacific since that time.

Biddeford and Saco resident, who for many years during his younger life operated Mitchell's shore dinner hostelry on the Pool road upon the site of one of the present buildings of the Franciscan Fathers headquarters, died at a local hospital Wednesday afternoon.

He was born at Saco, the son of Lorenzo and Miriam (Lamphor) Mitchell. While engaged in business his eating establishment was largely patronized by residents of the two cities, nearby communities and many summer visitors. Mitchell's shore dinner resort was the scene of many large outing and banquet parties.

Surviving relatives are three step-daughters, Mrs. Ruth Leavitt and Mrs. A. J. Welch of Kennebunk and Mrs. Charles McDuffee, Alton, N. H., a sister, Mrs. Abigail Flood of this city, and a nephew, Leslie Ranken.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2.

DECEMBER 12, 1945

HOWARD M. SMALL.

Funeral services for Howard M. Small, a former member of the Saco Board of Aldermen, were held at his late home on the Ferry road, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Included in the attendance of relatives and friends at the rites was a delegation of members of Saco lodge No. 2 of Odd Fellows who acted as pall bearers. Mr. Small during his younger life was active in political circles of his home community and for many years served as an official of the Ocean Park Association.

Rev. Stanley A. Gould, minister of First Parish Congregational church, officiated at the rites.

Burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

JUNE 20, 1946

Illness Fatal To Alonzo Mitchell, Ex-Restaurateur

Alonzo C. Mitchell, 87, lifelong

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AUGUST 2, 1945

Former Mayor Dies



Hartley C. Banks

Illness Fatal To Hartley C. Banks, Former Mayor

Retired Dealer In Retail Lumber

Hartley Cyrus Banks, mayor of this city for three consecutive terms 1917-1919, inclusive, a retired lumber operator, and practically a lifelong resident here, died Wednesday evening in his eighth year at Rest Haven, Convalescent home, Atlantic avenue, Old Orchard Beach, operated by Mrs. Harriet Libby, where he had been a patient for the past three years.

He was born in this city Aug. 8, 1865, the son of the late Cyrus K. and Abbie (Worth) Banks. He was educated in the Biddeford schools. For many years he operated a retail lumber business in this city before retiring from the Banks Brothers concern in 1935, due to failing health.

He served as a member of the Board of Aldermen in 1914, representing Ward 7, after becoming active in politics as a member of the Democrat-Independent faction. He later was elected mayor, supported by the same political groups.

Mr. Banks was a member of Laconia lodge of Odd Fellows and was an attendant of the former Adams street Baptist church, of this city.

He is survived by two sons, Carleton Hartley Banks, of this

city, and Merton F. Banks, Bangor, a sister, Miss Harriet E. Banks, this city; a brother, Frank E. Banks, Saco, and four grandchildren, Mrs. Barbara B. Hamor, and Miss Lois E. Banks, this city, Mrs. Constance B. Howe, and William Hartley Banks, Bangor.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call previous to funeral services then Saturday afternoon at 1.30.

JULY 24, 1944.

Helen M. Burnie Succumbs After Brief Illness

Miss Helen M. Burnie, 75, of 114 Graham street, a widely known and highly respected resident of this city for the past 60 years, died at a local hospital late Saturday evening.

Miss Burnie was born in Portland, the daughter of the late James and Elizabeth (Peters) Burnie. For many years she was an active member of the Thursday Club and Second Congregational church of this city. She was also affiliated with ladies organizations connected with the church.

She is survived by two brothers, James M. Burnie of this city and Arthur N. Burnie of Portland, and a niece, Miss Eleanor B. Burnie of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

— May 6, 1945

Betrothal Of Saco Couple Announced



Miss Bernice I. Smith

Saco, May 5—Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith of Main Street, Saco, announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Bernice Ida Smith, to Clinton Gould Milliken, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Milliken of Elm Street, Saco.

Miss Smith, who is the daughter of the late LeRoy Smith, manager of F. W. Woolworth Company stores in Biddeford, Lowell, Mass., and Boston, previous to his death, is a graduate of Thornton Academy. She is employed by the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Saco and is church soloist at the Second Parish Unitarian Church at Saco. Miss Smith is Worthy Matron of Annette Chapter, OES, and a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Mr. Milliken attended Thornton Academy and is employed at the Saco Lowell Shops, Biddeford. He is also assistant treasurer of the Gilpatrick Agency, Inc., of Old Orchard Beach. He is past high priest of York Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

MAY 7, 1945

Bernice Smith Betrothed To C. G. Milliken

Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith, 416 Main street, Saco, announces the engagement of her daughter, Bernice Ida Smith, to Clinton Gould Milliken, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.

H. Milliken, Elm street, Saco.

Miss Smith, daughter of Mrs. Ida S. Smith and the late LeRoy Smith, manager of F. W. Woolworth Co. stores in Biddeford, Lowell and Boston previous to his death, is a graduate of Thornton academy. She is employed by the Mutual Fire Insurance company of Saco and is church soloist at the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco. She has on numerous occasions acted as soloist at many musicals and concerts given in the two cities. Her society affiliations are worthy matron of Annette chapter No. 184, O. E. S., and a member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Mr. Milliken attended Thornton academy and is employed at the Saco-Lowell shops. He is also secretary and assistant treasurer of the Gilpatrick agency, Old Orchard Beach. Mr. Milliken is Past



Miss Bernice Smith

High Priest of York chapter, No. 5, Royal Arch Masons.

No date has been set for the wedding.

JANUARY 26, 1944.

Former Teacher Here Dies In Miami Beach

Grace B. Clark Ill Long Time

Miss Grace Bullock Clark of Miami Beach, Fla., formerly a resident of Biddeford for many years, passed away Tuesday after an illness of several weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Frederic Kensel, in that city, according to information received by friends here this morning.

Born in Boston, the daughter of the late Edgar R. and Martha Bullock Clark, the greater part of her life was spent in Biddeford where she served as a teacher in the public schools here for a long period of time until she retired several years ago.

She is survived by her sister, Mrs. Kensel.

Prayers are to be conducted at the Kensel home in Miami Beach, Fla. Notice of the services to be held here will be announced at a later date.

DECEMBER 12, 1945

Illness Fatal To Mrs. Carrie Read

Mrs. Carrie S. Read, daughter of the late Mary P. and William H. Watson, and widow of the late Attorney Charles T. Read, a resident of Hooper street for many years, died at a local hospital Tuesday.

Surviving relatives are two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

As The Years Roll By . . . Lester C. Ayer



Lester C. Ayer, manager of the Portland branch of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., at three years of age.



As a boy he attended Cornish schools, and when he was 14 years of age this photo was taken.



He was graduated from Cornish High School and went to work as night operator at the local telephone office.



In the early part of 1917 Mr. Ayer lived in Westbrook, where he held office as an alderman. In the latter part of the year he was transferred to Lewiston as manager of the telephone office there.



Mr. Ayer as he appears today, in his 17th year as manager of the Portland office of the telephone company.

JANUARY 25, 1946

Lydia Thompson, 79, Dies; Resident Of Saco For 75 Years

Mrs. Lydia A. Thompson, 79, widow of William S. Thompson, for many years engaged in a paint and wallpaper business in Odd Fellows block, Main street, Saco, died at a local hospital this morning following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Cornish, the daughter of the late Ivory and Harriet (Guptill) Allen. She came to Saco with her parents at the age of four, attended the Saco schools and resided in that city for 75 years.

For many years she was an active member of the Second Parish Unitarian church and ladies' organizations affiliated with the parish. In late years she had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Lester C. Rumery, 68 Storer street, Saco.

Besides her daughter, she leaves a son, Walter A. Thompson of Saco; a sister, Mrs. Cora Farnsworth, Camden; two brothers, Edson T. Allen, Brownfield Center, and Frank E. Wilson, Northwood, N. H.; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lester C. Rumery, 68 Storer street, Monday afternoon at 2.

Prof. E. S. Smith, Native Of City, Weds In Maryland

Authority On Maine Geology

Relatives and friends in two cities are receiving the announcement of the marriage of Miss Frances Elizabeth Smith, head cataloguer of the College Library, Schenectady, N. Y., to Prof. Edward S. C. Smith, a native of this city, head of the Department of Geology at the college.

Mrs. Smith has an M. D. from Peabody college, Nashville, Tenn., where her father is professor of biology. She has been acting head of the Union College library during the war years.

Professor Smith, son of the Mayor and Mrs. James G. Smith, received his early education in the public schools of the city. He graduated from Biddeford High School in the class of 1914 and later from Bowdoin college. Prof. Smith took his graduate work at Harvard and Columbia colleges, and is recognized authority on the geology of Maine.

He completed research for the General Electric Co. on radio-active minerals during the war years and has made many broadcasts for the Radio Society Forum. He has contributed many articles to scientific magazines and periodicals having wide circulation.

Since the death of his father, Prof. Smith has been spending many of his vacation periods in the two cities where he has business interests.

(Hatch) Willson, he was a member of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was an attendant of the Second Parish Unitarian Church, Saco.

Surviving are two sons, Paul L. Willson and Everett Willson, Saco, and two daughters, Paul B. and Carl E. Willson, both serving with the forces.

OCTOBER 10, 1945

Albert Cole, Saco, Dies At Age Of 94

Albert W. Cole, 94, a life resident of Saco, died suddenly Tuesday at his home on the B. & N. road. He was born in Saco, son of Benjamin and Mary (Cole) Cole.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Winifred Sawyer, Saco, and Mrs. Lucien H. West, Saco, N. J., and one granddaughter.

Private funeral services will take place Friday afternoon at 4 from the Shumway home, 35 Spring street. Friends will omit flowers.

Keen, he came to this city when a young man and has resided here since that time. For a long period of years during his younger career he was employed as a hand-moulder at the Saco Lowell foundry in this city.

He was most actively affiliated with local, county and state Odd Fellows organizations for many years. He was a past noble grand and present financial secretary of Laconia lodge; he held the office of scribe in York Encampment, and held the rank of colonel in Canton J. H. Dearborn, Patriarch



Percy C. McKeen

Militant, for many years. He was also a member of Evangeline Rebekah lodge.

He was widely known as a vocalist during his early life and in addition to taking part in many musical programs staged in the two cities was an active member of the Biddeford and Saco chapter of the Maine Music Festival chorus. He was the moderator and chairman of the board of trustees of the United Baptist church of this city, and filled other high offices of trust in the same society for many years. He was a member of the regular choir of the church.

Mr. McKeen was a member of Dunlap lodge F. and A. M. He was active in the affairs of the Democratic party of this city in late years. He served as both a councilman and alderman of the Biddeford City government for several years. When the late Will Stone, who served as public schools attendance officer for a long period of time, passed away 12 years ago, Mr. McKeen was appointed to that position in which he has continued to serve up to the time of his death.

Surviving relatives are his wife, Angie T. McKeen, and several cousins. The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, where friends may call previous to funeral services to be held on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DECEMBER 31, 1945

Illness Fatal To Edward Willson

Edward Everett Willson, 81, resident of Saco for more than half a century, died this morning at a local hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Born at Castine, the son of Benjamin W. and Abigail

was not appointed clerk of courts until 1702. The list omits names of some who we know were sent over by Captain Mason, as Thomas, Crockett, and inserts names of young men who were children or unborn at the time of Captain Mason's death, as the two younger Chadbournes, Thomas Fernald, Jeremy Walford, and includes the names of men whom we know were not sent over by him, as William Seavey, who came on a fishing trip to the Isles of Shoals; John Symonds, sent over by Trelawny to Richmond's Island; Francis Norton and Sampson Lane, who came after the captain's death, and others. The name printed as Henry Baldwin is not that name in the Boston list. Evidently Clerk Cooke could not read it, but from his imitation of the writing, I judge it was Odiorne. No Henry Odiorne is known to have been here, which is true of other names in the list, which may have been invented at the same time as the Wheelwright deed, in the desperate resolve to protect the community from the loss of their homes, with various names inserted that might help different ones to claim their lands as descendants of Captain Mason's servants. Thomas Crockett's descendants were living on Kittery side, but as they claimed no lands on Portsmouth side, there was thus no occasion to include his name.

So our certain knowledge after the arrival of the Warwick is none too full, yet luminous when compared with the unwritten period preceding, although the Isles of Shoals and the Piscataqua were the principal ports in New England in that period. If the settlement had been abandoned, Governor Bradford would surely have recorded the fact. On the contrary, in 1628 Piscataqua contributed as much as Plymouth to the expense of furnishing Merton, who was selling firearms to the Indians. There must have been many people here, besides hundreds of transients here and at the Shoals; but we ask in vain who they were.

If Mr. Gibbins came over early, he went back, as he came on the Warwick. Hubbard says the Hiltons were here, that they came with Thompson. Hubbard, who certainly was mistaken in part, seems to have gotten his information from young William Hilton, a boy not six years old when Mr. Thompson came over. In young Hilton's petition to the general court in the year 1660, to confirm lands given his father and himself by the Indians, he said:

"Whereas your petitioner's father, William Hilton, came over into New England about the year Anno Dom. 1621, and your petitioner came about one year and a half after, and in a little time following settled ourselves upon the river of Piscataqua with Mr. Edward Hilton, who were the first English planters there."

This reads as though Mr. Hubbard accepted Hilton's story, and inserting David Thomson printed it. Mr. Hubbard, who was the minister at Ipswich, was a few years younger than William Hilton, Jr., who baptized at Witton church, in Northwich, Cheshire, June 22, 1617. Hilton's two wives belonged to prominent families of Newbury and Charlestown. Mr. Hubbard must have been well acquainted with both families. William Hilton, Jr., was a ship-master, and had had a book of maps or charts

printed before Mr. Hubbard got up the map of New England for his history of King Philip's war. About Plymouth, as well as the Piscataqua. Mr. Hubbard seems to have gotten information from Hilton. He says, what no one else does, that the first complaint against Mr. Lyford, who was brought over by Mr. Winslow in 1624 to be minister at Plymouth, was over baptizing a child of Mr. Hilton's although not a member of their church. Hubbard's History shows familiar knowledge of the Hiltons, as accurate as a little boy might remember and tell things to a friend.

Certainly William Hilton did not come over with Thomson. He came to Plymouth in 1621, and was there with his family in 1624. It seems doubtful whether Edward Hilton did, although from April 9, 1621, when he came out of his apprenticeship in the Fishmongers Company of London, until 1628, when he contributed to keep firearms away from the Indians, we have as yet no knowledge of his movements. But there is contemporary evidence that some Bristol merchants joined with him to settle his colony, and a young fellow just out of his apprenticeship must be allowed sufficient time in which to perfect such important connections, even if aided by Sir Ferdinando. If Edward Hilton was one of Mr. Thomson's first company, it seems that he must have gone back.

At any rate, if here early in 1624,

he was with Thomson at Little Harbor, and had not yet made his settlement up the river. Capt. Christopher Levett in 1628 printed a book on his voyage of 1623-4. He stopped a month with Mr. Thomson at Little Harbor. While there he "discovered" the Piscataqua river, and an Indian who came down the river told him that up the river was much good land. In this season of tercentenary good cheer, we all wish to work our believers overtime if necessary to keep everybody happy, but we must be equipped with believers as big as bushel baskets to believe that that told Capt. Levett that there were good lands up the river without telling also that there were Englishmen living on them, if there had been such.

So in 1922 we can all join in celebrating the 300th anniversary of the granting of the charter under which New Hampshire and Maine were colonized; and next year we can all join in celebrating the founding of New Hampshire; and at later periods, as we may learn the facts, different localities can celebrate, in a series of tercentenaries, all in our turn, and begrudging none.

NOVEMBER 23, 1945

Percy McKeen, 73, Former Alderman, Dies In Portland

Percy C. McKeen, 73, of 79 Graham street, a former member of the Biddeford Board of Aldermen, attendance officer of the Biddeford public schools for the past 12 years, died at a Portland hospital Thursday, where he has been receiving treatment during the past few weeks.

A native of Perth, N. B., the son of James and Sarah (Grant) Mc-

TAXPAYERS IN SACO ASSESSED \$200 AND OVER FOR THIS YEAR

Those in Saco against whom taxes have been assessed for \$200 or more are as follows:

Arthur W. Andrews.....	\$213.20
Lillian H. Angell.....	602.05
Annie J. Abbott.....	571.84
Minnie R. Hall.....	222.80
Edna H. Baker.....	592.88
Fred H. Bean.....	297.53
Edmund E. Blake.....	243.75
Nathaniel Boothby.....	261.51
Mary Bradbury.....	209.35
George D. Buck.....	261.75
Albert W. Cole.....	270.50
Ralph W. Cornforth.....	351.08
Mary A. Cote.....	213.75
Joseph G. Deering heirs.....	269.25
Lucy B. Deering.....	262.50
Frank C. Deering.....	267.48
Mary L. and Frank E. De- mers.....	216.75
Kate E. Dennett.....	427.50
J. Vaughan Dennett.....	423.75
George H. Dolby.....	453.01
Mabel H. Dolby.....	273.38
Willis T. Emmons.....	263.55
Harry G. Fenderson.....	235.05
Sumner F. Fogg.....	246.08
Fred Foran.....	244.88
Harry P. Garland.....	772.50
James P. Garland.....	266.03
Lawrence S. Garland.....	455.25
William L. Gerrish.....	374.48
Chas. E. Godders.....	221.25
Walter J. Gulpatrie.....	252.75
Rose D. Goodwin.....	213.75
Albert P. Grant.....	331.73
Frank M. Grant.....	262.58
Arthur E. Guertin.....	265.51
Anton Hahn.....	974.33
Ethel B. Haley.....	259.88
Samuel M. Hall, heirs.....	2115.58
Mary E. Hall.....	240.75
C. Wallace Harrison.....	220.25
Harper Grain Co.....	202.50
Henry A. & Ella M. Hewes.....	344.25
Paul S. Hill.....	352.75
Thomas H. Hooper.....	283.13
Jim John.....	303.90
Rishworth P. Jordan heirs.....	2354.93
Harry D. Lord heirs.....	293.63
Howard F. Lord.....	239.25
Mary G. Lowell.....	297.00
Alice S. Mahoney.....	265.88
George L. Mahoney.....	363.25
Davis & Victoria D. McBria.....	225.08
Elmer McArthur.....	454.50
Fred H. Henry A. McKeen.....	311.50
Hattie P. McKenney.....	284.08
Juliette M. McKenney.....	524.00
Charles E. Meade.....	290.54
Ralph P. Meserve.....	290.31
E. H. Milliken & E. J. Pattée.....	214.88
Richard D. Milliken.....	225.75
Joseph S. Moody heirs.....	249.75
Fred C. & Eva E. Morgan.....	242.17
Granville B. Murphy.....	229.18
Odd Fellows Assn.....	427.50
Frank L. Palmer.....	251.63
Winthrop W. Palmer.....	441.98
William A. Patten.....	502.50
Clarence L. Peery.....	556.50
Jok. P. Perham.....	622.88
Henri Plante.....	216.75
Charles H. Prescott heirs.....	1,188.38
Reed Motor Co.....	548.75
Henry J. Rice heirs.....	293.38
Joseph & David Robinson.....	236.63
Frank D. Rodman.....	409.36
Stanley Ross.....	349.51
Marion Rundle & Helen H. Sands.....	370.00
Elizabeth Rice trustee.....	1,125.00
Saco Dairy Co.....	307.50
Saco Mfg. Co.....	1,244.03
George L. Sands.....	290.05

Leopold L. Maynard trust- tees.....	407.70
George D. McKinnon.....	221.63
John H. McSweeney.....	576.00
Warren S. Meserve.....	402.75
Philip E. Paquet.....	249.75
Hazel C. Pennell.....	226.50
Edith N. Rogers.....	533.03
Ella E. Small.....	335.21
Standard Oil Co.....	7,804.86
Edward R. Stearns.....	267.21
Universalist Convention of New York.....	861.01
Valvoline Oil Co.....	1,062.21

Elmer T. Sauimer & Cath- erine A. Saulnier.....	229.2
Edith Scamman.....	523.1
Charles G. Scamman.....	529.2
Alton M. Seavey.....	854.6
Richard Shannon.....	1,623.0
Nellie Shannon.....	238.7
Edwin F. Smith heirs.....	223.8
Ella K. Snow.....	213.7
Samuel M. Solmer heirs.....	524.2
William H. Stackpole.....	323.6
Sidney A. Staples.....	239.1
Harold J. Staples.....	430.1
Benjamin W. Stewart heirs and Ella W.....	217.5
Dr. Laura E. Stickney.....	309.
Cara & Lewis B. Stillman.....	301.
Sweetser Orphan Asylum.....	258.
Thornton Academy trustees.....	840.
Inezola Twambley.....	308.
Peter Victor.....	276.
William H. Vinton.....	316.
Robert L. Webber.....	456.
Louette Wilson heirs.....	229.
York Co. Motor Corp.....	945.
York Mfg. Co.....	45,617.

Non-Residents.	
Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.....	225.
H. P. Atkinson heirs.....	1,014.
Biddeford Savings Bank.....	1,126.
Bidd. & Saco Railroad Co.....	567.
B. & M. R. R.....	1,010.
Casco Mercantile Trust Co.....	1,003.
Canade Improvement Co.....	1,242.
Samuel Cohen.....	239.
Helen M. Cook & heirs.....	240.
Cumberland Securities Corp.....	1,440.
Cummings Bros.....	310.
Cumberland Co. Power & Light Co.....	25,211.
J. G. Deering & Son.....	853.
Mary Deering, Roger & Neel.....	423.
Edgar B. Dixon trustee.....	389.
Diamond Match Co.....	270.
Gave Motor Co.....	201.
John Harmon.....	206.
Marcia Hatch.....	535.63

creases ranging from 100 to 1,000 per cent into a majority of South American countries.

MAY 1, 1934.

HARRY LORD DEAD AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Well-Known Salesman of Mill Machinery Ill a Few Days.

Hundreds of friends in the two cities and business acquaintances, not only in textile manufacturing circles in New England and in many states in the Union where cotton mills are located, will be shocked to learn of the death of Harry B. Lord at his residence, 401 Main street, Saco, about 1 o'clock this afternoon.

His death was caused, according to the attending doctor, by heart disease. Mr. Lord's sickness dates from last Thursday when he was stricken with a heart attack on his return home from Lewiston, where he had been on a business trip. This was the first attack of the kind with which he had been afflicted, as far as known, although his intimate friends say he had not appeared physically strong for some time.

Since his attack Thursday, his decline had been quite rapid and his condition for the past few days had been grave. His intimate acquaintances were told at noon today that all hope of his recovery had been abandoned and that the end was a question of but a short time.

Mr. Lord was the son of Dr. and Mrs. John Lord and was born in California. When he was quite young he came to Biddeford with his parents where he was educated in the public schools, graduating from Biddeford High school. He was graduated from Bowdoin college in 1897. He was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi. Shortly after he completed his college education he entered the plant of the Pe-

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By Nolin Studio
TYPICAL NURSE—Miss Helen A. Alexander of Saco, nursing arts instructor at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, was one of 10 nurses to receive honorable mention, this past week, in a Nation-wide search for the typical American nurse of 1946.

The search was conducted by the American Nurses' Association as part of its 50th anniversary celebration during the 14th biennial convention of nurses at Atlantic City, this week.

Miss Alexander is the daughter of Mrs. Robert A. Alexander. Her father, now deceased, is a former Saco postmaster and city clerk. Miss Alexander was graduated from the University of Maine in 1943.

MAY 1, 1946

Wallace Gordon Is Dead In Saco

Wallace L. Gordon, 68, retired rural Saco mail carrier, died suddenly at his home, 131 Beach street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon.

He was born in Charlestown, Mass., the son of the late Silas and Susan (Austin) Gordon. He had resided in the two cities during the larger part of his life. During his younger years he assisted his parents in the operation of restaurants in the two cities and later operated a similar business of his own previous to accepting the appointment of a rural mail carrier.

After serving as mail carrier in the No. 2 rural district connected with the Saco postoffice for over 26 years, he retired three years ago last August.

Mr. Gordon was a member of the Maine Rural Mail Carriers' association. He was an attendant of the First Parish church of Saco.

He is survived by his wife, the former Leah Hearn, and a brother, Ernest Gordon, of this city.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2.

In Memoriam

These of our Brethren have been taken into the Kingdom of their Creator during this year.

In memory we cherish association with them.

Fred Rowe, Jr., at Saco, Maine,	April 30th
Archibald F. Houston, P. M., at Biddeford, Maine,	May 5th
Samuel A. Titcomb, at Saco, Maine,	June 4th
Fred E. Whitman, at Oxford, Maine,	Sept. 23rd
Lawrence A. Doe, at Saco, Maine,	Nov. 1st

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

Before writing further and after seeing my likeness in the Journal Birthday Column, which must have been borrowed from the History of New England Newspaper Women, for it is identical—allow me to thank my many friends for the numerous tokens of remembrance, flowers, cards and gifts, and one who naturally dreads the approach of four-score years could only laugh and shake her head at fate.

When I Lived on the Pool Road.

A very pleasant part of my busy life was that which is designated as the time when "I lived on the Pool road" at Jordan Farm, the old place that for very many years had belonged to members of that numerous family. As for me, I only climbed into the family by the way of the matrimonial ladder and at that only the middle name remained, but I loved the road, the place and the name, as if I was a native.

Just before reaching Jordan Farm a huge black sign—"Hull's"—indicated the road leading down to the river, and that was the goal to be reached.

Many Biddeford people and others recall that resort, a snug farmhouse that stood on the river bank. It was a quaint little place, with a neat kitchen garden behind the house, and all about the place were fruit trees, apple and peach, cherry and plum, while flocks of hens disputed the way as you walked up the path to the house, and the faint quack of ducks and ducklings could be heard from a little cove behind the barn.

From my porch I could see Aunt Mary pottering about among the flowers and Uncle Charles mending a lobster pot, and could almost hear the funny, dry sayings of both of them.

Aunt Mary's skill as a cook had gradually built up a big business, called by the public "shore dinners," though that does not begin to tell the story. You know the dinner that in some shore towns goes by that name, but Aunt Mary's was a very different matter and began with a gasp of wonder at the taste of the lobster stew and ended with a satisfied chuckle over the angel cake and strawberry or peach ice cream.

Then in between came all sorts of good things—fried live lobster that made you wish you were a camel with four stomachs; fried chicken and sweet little clams, cooked to a Maine fisherman's taste, which is better than a queen's any time—in clams.

From Uncle Charles' garden came vegetables that would take the prize at any county fair; peas, beans, tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and corn—I can taste that corn now.

Folks came from all directions through the summer; from the beaches and resorts by launch and steamer, putting in at the little landing that was becoming so widely known.

Great touring cars filled with people turned in through the gap in the stone wall, under the big white sign lettered in black, for her fame was widespread and the big register with its hundreds of names told of visitors from Halifax and the Golden Gate.

Gayly and gladly they sat at her tables, in the dining room and on the porch facing the water. The tables were neat as wax, with the white table linen, shining silver and glass and plain white china.

Great bunches of flowers from her garden gave all the color she needed and every old friend loved the place.

Some times the party arriving would be larger than had been expected and she would call us in from the front porch. "What will I do, girls, there are a dozen and only six telephones." "Take them all, Aunt Mary, we'll help." And extra plates would be set at table and we would help with the serving. Oh! Those were happy days when I lived on the Pool road, summers.

There were picnic parties from town; there were guests that were unexpected, and while greeting them we would be asking ourselves: What will there be to eat? for it was some distance to town.

As the children grew up and went away to school and college, the farm and quaint old house was a popular place for a visit in the summer vacation, for there was plenty of room and boats on the river, a ferry to Camp Ellis, the convenient little "dummy train" along the beach to Old Orchard, all helped us out in entertainment, for we had only one horse and he certainly earned his oats and good care.

One of the visitors who came in summer, a friend of my daughter, was an Ohio girl, and her father and mother were coming to Portland and searching for some Maine relatives farther east. "Could they come to us for the week end?" Of course they could and did arrive and we regaled them on old style, down east fare—baked beans, brownbread, Indian pudding, clam chowder and everything, clam fritters, blueberry muffins—oh, everything my wonderful cook could suggest, until they cried for mercy. They were delighted with the place and when the good man said: "Everything but a flag," I told him I was planning for that and he asked for the location I intended. This was the result—in course of a short time a wonderful big flag arrived from his own factory in Ohio, devoted to the making of flags and regalia.

And then for a suitable flagstaff, a tremendous great log was secured and two men, experienced ship carpenters, made the huge flagpole; a friend contributed the great gilt ball that topped it, and such a flag raising as followed, properly celebrated.

The flag was raised every morning and lowered at sunset, and a grandson, who had lived on an army post, understood, as all on

the place did, that the flag must not be allowed to drag on the ground. Fishermen going outside used the flag for a mark and it figured in numerous ways.

Do not fancy for a moment that I escaped comment and criticism concerning my doings. I recall one young man, who was staying at Biddeford Pool, who called on me quite often, and always to tell me of something about the establishment that was wrong.

I had a porte cochere over the side door where my visitors always

alighted from their carriages or autos, as those began to be used. My hypercritical acquaintance had been particularly severe on that and it was with a feeling of delight I saw the rain falling as he sat in the open wagon with the driver.

"There," said I, "that's what this covered porch is for to keep the rain from you while you wait. How fortunate!"

A childish revenge, but I enjoyed it very much.

A Pageant.

After many picnics at Jordan Farm, it only remained for a pageant to be performed, and just the genius to propose and carry out this affair was with our Lotus club in Mrs. Jane P. C. Trull, now Mrs. George Allen Brown of the West Coast, who is now in the very thick of the Olympic doings, as a letter from her, recently received, gave detailed information.

Among the very many interesting details here is one that certainly sounds much like the lady, and I will give it in her own words: "One baking firm has put out a loaf of 'Olympic Bread.' They sent out word that prizes would be given for the best letter on 'Why I Like Helm's Olympic Bread.'" Mrs. Trull-Allen Brown sent in the following: "I made two pen and ink drawings of the Venus de Milo—one as she is, and on the other I added arrows and depicted her as cutting a loaf of bread, with this caption:

"I like H. O. Bread because it is a classic—"

The world of art has always had this question to propound:

What was Venus de Milo doing with her arms that can't be found?

But now the critics all agree: 'Beyond a doubt,' 'tis said, She was engaged in slicing Helm's Olympic Bread.'"

So you can easily see that such a woman could and did arrange a pageant for the great field at Jordan Farm on that summer day, years since, that startled the surrounding populace.

And the populace came—we could watch boats coming down the Saco, laden with visitors at so much per head. And at the gateway, a youth, dapper and alert, took tickets, and tea was served on the south veranda.

When I was doing over the old house to suit myself, not the master builder, things were lively indeed, and when all was done he said to me:

"If you had let me have my way you'd have had a fine place—but now—you haven't got—nothing," a somewhat cryptic remark, but we knew what he meant.

But I had a great time; a friend brought me a fine old brass knocker from an old house on the James river, Virginia.

I found in an upstairs room a window where several Jordans who had previously lived there had written their names with a diamond on a pane of glass, and had the glazier change its location to another window. One day strolling down West street in Boston I saw the wall paper I coveted for the great hall, and, taking a sample, I secured later enough of an old English coaching and hunting scenic paper for the walls.

The old house kitchen, brick oven and all, was made into a modern dining room, retaining the fireplace, and in the new modern ell were the kitchen and laundry rooms and a big bathroom over the

kitchen. I cannot begin to tell the story of the old-new place and how I loved it.

But after a few years it was found that there was no income to the place, it was all outgo—and when my relatives living in Buenos Aires, who had visited the place, made me a good offer, with the privilege of staying on until they came north, I took it.

And now it is vastly changed—nothing looks at all natural, but the old porte cochere is there. I trust the place is put to good use and that good boys may reap from the somewhat austere, forbidding edifice, which is all I see as I pass by the old place.

Much has been written of late concerning the power, strength and beauty of the great Penobscot river. But western Maine people still cling to their "sinuous Saco," as one writer called it some time since.

It has been the theme of song and story for many years, ever since the days of Martin Prine, who entered the mouth in 1844, and three years later Champlain, the great explorer and map maker for King Louis of France. Rising in the "White Hills," venerated by the red men, this "fair and good stream," as the white settlers called it, finds its winding way through Conway meadows and by Fryburg's pleasant field, down through our towns, receiving the two Ossipees in its embrace, until at Hallowell and Buxton it pours through the gorge and sweeps on to Biddeford and Saco, turning the wheel of the great mills in its splendid journey to the sea.

There was a favorite journey of mine on this river more years ago than I like to remember, when there were steamers plying on the river, running between Factory Island and the Pool.

I well recall the old Augustan owned and commanded by Captain William Hill and named for his popular wife. Family tickets were issued, costing a moderate price, and the fortunate possessor of that pasteboard could collect his entire family, be it ever so large, and take passage on the boat on every trip it made for the summer, if he felt so disposed. Our family was large and the voyage was our favorite recreation, and rest assured, Captain Hill made but little money out of our fare.

More than one young woman met her future husband on the voyage to the Pool and, doubtless, many interesting stories could be told of various experiences related.

After several years the Augustan was succeeded by a larger one, the Samuel E. Spring, or S. E. Spring, as she was locally called, and the pilots were old rivermen who knew every bar and shoal between Cow Island and The Gut. On rare occasions we were taken "round Wood Island," and during the season, when fine moonlight nights occurred, there were moonlight excursions with music.

In the days of the old Augustan we sometimes stopped at the hotel at Saco Ferry and danced for a time, and once in a while we picked at Wood Island and a boat took us up-river.

In those days the stay at the Pool was very enjoyable. For all-day picnic we could have a bath on the beach, enjoy our picnic luncheon, call in at the Yacht House, while waiting for an afternoon boat, and have a dance

had, if some one could give us a
waits or pelka on the much-
abused piano.

But, oh, the late boat came all
too soon, and we had many happy
days. After all, that is the pleas-
ure of growing old—laying up a
store of happy, pleasant memories,
which come back like pictures and
live many an otherwise lonely
hour.

Estelle Morris Tatterson.

FEBRUARY 13, 1946

Arthur Burnie, Ex-Local Resident Dies In Portland

Arthur N. Burnie, 63, a former
resident of this city for many
years, when he was superintend-
ent of the Biddeford and Saco
water company, died suddenly
at his home, 1 Ricker Park, Port-
land, Tuesday evening.

sharp counter-attacks.

The Germans in a stand-
to-house for the town of Uba-
the First Army sector, and the

Mr. Burnie was born in Port-
land, the son of James and Eliza-
th (Weeks) Burnie. He came
here when the Burnie family
moved to this city and his father
came an executive of the Bid-
ford Water company. He grad-
uated from Biddeford High
school in the class of 1901 and
from Dartmouth college in the
class of 1906. He later succeeded
his father as superintendent of
the local water company, a posi-
tion he held for some years pre-
vious to resigning to become
manager of the Beaver Valley
water company, Beaver Falls, Pa.
He returned to Maine a few years
ago to accept an executive posi-
tion with George F. West and
son, 95 Exchange street, Port-
land.

He was a member of various
Masonic organizations of the two
cities, including Bradford Com-
mandery, Knights Templar.
Beside his widow, the former
Elizabeth Tatterson Gallup, he is
survived by a daughter, Mrs. J.
Gyand, Beaver Falls, Pa.; a son,
Harry M. Gallup, Hartford, Conn.;
brother, James Burnie, and a
sister, Miss Eleanor G. Burnie,
both of this city.

Funeral services will be held at
the Dennett and Craig funeral
home, 365 Main street, Saco,
Thursday afternoon at 2.

OCTOBER 3, 1944

Jurist Dies



Justice George L. Emery

Justice Emery Dies Suddenly At Saco Home

Won Fame As
Trial Lawyer

Justice George L. Emery, 68,
of the Maine Superior Court, died
suddenly Tuesday evening at his
home, 13 Water street, Saco.

A former chairman of the State
Republican committee, Justice
Emery was reappointed last De-
cember for his third seven-year
term by Gov. Sumner Sewall, and
he would have completed 15
years on the Superior Court
bench next Saturday.

He taught at Municipal Court
Judge in Biddeford in 1922, after
serving eight years and was first
appointed to the Superior Court
by former Governor William T. G. Gardner Oct. 7, 1928. A
Saco resident here, he was
senior member of the law firm of
Emery and Washburn in this
city.

A native of Biddeford, Justice
Emery was born June 2, 1876, the
son of Lewis and Susan (Hamil-
ton) Emery. (Continued on Page Two)

DECEMBER 28, 1945

Illness Fatal To Lloyd Woodman, Insurance Man

Prominent In
Masonic Circles

Lloyd Goodale Woodman, 43,
treasurer of the M. Woodman In-
surance company, with head-
quarters in the Masonic building
in this city, a life-long resident
of the two cities, widely known
local, county and state Ma-
sonic circles, died at a local hos-
pital early this morning follow-
ing a brief illness.

Born in Saco, the son of the
late Melville and Annetta (Fur-
ber) Woodman, his parents moved
to this city when he was young
and his education was obtained
in the local public and high
schools. After graduating from
the latter institution he attended
Boston University for a year.
After he became associated in the
insurance agency founded by his
father, and following the
death of the senior member of
the concern continued to operate
the business with the assistance
of his brothers, Philip and King
Woodman. When Philip Wood-
man retired as a member of the

firm several years ago, he became
treasurer of the company and re-
tained this position up to the
time of his death.

Mr. Woodman, while devoting
much of his leisure time to his
home and family, took an active
interest in all civic affairs espe-
cially those pertaining to local
youth welfare movements. While
he was greatly interested in all
branches of out-of-door life his
outstanding hobbies were fishing
and hunting.

Held Many Offices

He was a 32nd degree Mason
and during the long period of
years that he was affiliated with
many of the leading branches of
the Free and Accepted Order of
Masons, filled many important
positions of trust both in local
and state units of various Mason-
ic organizations.

He was a member of the Maine
Consistory, Ancient and Accept-
ed Scottish Rites, and at the time
of his death was senior warden
of Yates Lodge of Perfection,
Portland. He also held the office
of Viceroy of Chaldeon Con-
clave, No. 5, Knights of Red
Cross of Constantine, Portland.
He was a member and past
worthy master of Dunlap Lodge,
F. & A. M., of this city; a past
high priest of York Royal Arch
chapter, Saco; a past illustrious
master and present chaplain of
Maine Council, No. 7 Royal and
Select Masters, Saco; a past com-
mander and present treasurer of
Bradford Commandery, Knights
Templar; a past patron of Adah
chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern
Star of this city.

Mr. Woodman was a member
and present treasurer of Laconia
Lodge of Odd Fellows. He was
an active member of the First
Universalist church and held
the office of treasurer of the
church society at the time of
death and a member of the Board
of Directors of the Masonic
Building association.

Besides his wife, the former
Edna Ramberg, a son, Richard
M., and two daughters, Marjorie
J. and Joan S. Woodman, all of
this city, he leaves four brothers,
Perley L., New Orleans, La.;
Philip of Tennessee, King and
Paul M. of this city; a sister, Mrs.
Philip I. Towle, East Orange, N.
J., and several nieces and neph-
ews.

The body is at the Dennett and
Craig Funeral Home, 365 Main
street, Saco, where friends may
call after Saturday noon at any
time previous to funeral services
to be held on Sunday afternoon
at 2 o'clock.

JANUARY 28, 1946

Henry Goshen, 85, Ex-Photographer, Is Dead In Saco

Henry Goshen, 85, a lifelong
resident of the two cities and a
retired photographer, who for
many years in his younger life
operated photograph studios in
this city, died at a Saco hospital
Sunday, following an extended
illness.

He was born in Saco, the son of
Anne and Ardelle (Rivers) Gosh-
en, and learned the photograph-
er's trade when a young man and
engaged in this line of work for
a long period of time previous to
disposing of the business and re-
tiring. Later he was employed at

the Saco-Lowell Shops. He was
at one period during his late life
employed as a night-watchman
at summer hotels in this vicinity.

He is survived by his brother,
Edward Goshen, of this city; a
grandson, Carleton Stone, and a
niece, Mrs. Ruth Tarbox, Hollis.

Funeral services will be held
at the Dennett and Craig funeral
home, 365 Main street, Saco,
Wednesday morning at 10.

JANUARY 26, 1946

Frank Johnson Dies Suddenly

Frank G. Johnson, 71, a resident
of this city for 50 years and a well
known local boat-builder, carpen-
ter and contractor, died suddenly
at his home, 283 Pool street, early
this morning.

He was born in Lovell, the son
of Alvin G. and Mary (Gray)
Johnson. He learned the carpen-
ter's trade when a young man and
during his building career super-
vised the construction of many
residences and public buildings in
this part of the state. On different
other occasions he engaged in
boat-building and was considered
an expert in this.

Mr. Johnson was a member of
Dunlap lodge, F. & A. M. York
chapter, Bradford Commandery,
Knights Templar, and Adah chap-
ter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star.
He was also a 32nd degree Mason.

Besides his wife, Jane Beatty
Johnson, he leaves two sons, Mar-
tin Johnson, Ogunquit, and Frank
G. Johnson, Jr., this city; three
grandchildren and three brothers,
Charles A., Fred L. and Walter
G. Johnson, all of this city.

Private funeral services will be
held at the Dennett and Craig
funeral home, 365 Main street,
Saco, Monday afternoon at 2. It
was requested that flowers be
omitted.

FEBRUARY 20, 1946

Alice Haskell Dies In Saco

Miss Alice M. Haskell, 82, a
well-known resident of Saco for
many years, died Tuesday at the
Wardwell home, Saco.

Born in New Gloucester, the
daughter of Samuel C. and So-
phie (Adams) Haskell, she oper-
ated a dry goods store in Saco
for many years under the com-
pany name of Haskell and Fitton.
She was also employed at the
Biddeford Journal.

She was a member and past
matron of Adah Chapter, No. 1,
O. E. S., where she served as
treasurer for 30 years, and a mem-
ber and former secretary of Bu-
siness and Professional Women's
club. She was also a member of
the Maine Musical Festival chor-
us and the Trinity Episcopal
church, Saco.

No near relatives survive.
Friends may call at the Dennett
and Craig Funeral home, 365
Main street, Saco, Thursday after-
noon and evening.

Funeral services will take place
Friday afternoon at 2 from the
Trinity Episcopal church.

MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 6, 1936.

PLACED ON PENSION LIST



ISRAEL H. HERRICK

—Photo by Elite Studio.

ISRAEL H. HERRICK ON PENSION ROLLS OF ARMOUR & CO.

Israel H. Herrick, a well-known business man of this city, was transferred by Armour and Co. from their general payroll to their pension payroll today after nearly 37 years of continuous service with that company.

Mr. Herrick, a native of Leeds, has been a resident of this city for 42 years.

He entered the employ of Armour and Co. in 1899 as a driver and delivery man. At that time the horse was the motive power.

It was the custom then for the retail dealers to purchase their fresh pork products each morning between 4 and 5 o'clock, and as competition was keen it was necessary for the drivers of these "pork teams," as they were called, to be on the street by 4 a. m., if they were to get their share of the trade.

After about two years of this strenuous business Mr. Herrick was promoted to be city salesman and a little later became an outside salesman, covering territory in Maine and New Hampshire.

In 1912 he was made manager of the local branch of Armour and Co., which position he has held until his retirement.

In 1912 the business here in-

creased to such an extent that the company remodeled and enlarged the house, adding a story to the building and installing automatic refrigeration, which was somewhat of a novelty here at that time.

On June 10, 1916, quite a grand opening was held and large numbers of local and out-of-town people visited the plant. Considerable publicity was given to this event.

Mr. Herrick is a member of the Universalist church and served on the board of trustees for 20 years. He is also a member of all the Masonic bodies, being a 32d degree Mason.

He has a wide business and social acquaintance throughout New England and has had friendly relations with large numbers of Armour officials and employees in all parts of the country.

In a story of June 10, 1916, in connection with the opening of the Armour and Co. plant after it had been remodeled, it said that I. H. Herrick, the manager of the Biddeford branch house, was the right man in the right place. He had been in charge of the local plant 16 years and had had the best of success since taking charge. By hard and diligent

work and attending to business at all times he had worked up to his present important position, and the genial manager's many friends joined in congratulating him on his success in the business.

DECEMBER 31, 1945

George Crosman, Saco Ex-Mayor, Dies Suddenly

Once Operated Business There

George L. Crosman, 85, a former mayor of Saco, owner and operator of the former Crosman Box Shop in that city for a long period of time previous to the plant being moved to Portland in 1910, died suddenly Saturday of a cerebral hemorrhage while riding in an automobile from South Orange, Mass., where he had been residing with his son, Lorin P. Crosman, to Amesbury, Mass.

A native of Lynn, Mass., the son of George A. and Evaline (Brown) Crosman, he received his education in the public and high schools of that city. He came to Saco when a young man and later interested himself with his father in the operation of the G. A. Crosman and Son Box Company.

After the plant had been badly damaged by fire in September, 1908, the firm continued to partially operate the place until 1910 when the firm moved to Deering Junction, Portland. When the elder Mr. Crosman, founder of the concern and son later accepted the former's son-in-law, Lindley M. Binford, a former Saco resident, as a member of the company, the place was operated under the title of the G. A. Crosman and Sons company.

During his residence in Saco, Mr. Crosman became interested in Republican politics of his home community and later became mayor in 1901.

While residing in Portland he served as president of the former

Portland Board of Trade, and held the distinction of being the first president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce instituted in 1915. He was also active for a number of years in the Portland Rotary club and Oak, street Friends church. For over a half-century he served as a trustee of Oak Grove seminary at Vassalboro. He was a former director of the Casco Bank and Trust company, Portland.

Mr. Crosman was serving as president of the G. A. Crosman and Sons company in 1930 when the firm merged with three other New England wood manufacturing companies to become known as the Colonial Containers Corporation. He retired several years later and moved to South Orange in 1941.

Surviving relatives are a daughter, Mrs. Helen C. Durgin, Maplewood, N. J., a son, A. Hurford Crosman, Media, Pa., and three step-children, Miss Madeline Symonds, St. Petersburg,

Florida, Bertrand and Shapline Symonds, Marblehead, Mass., nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at the Richardson funeral home, 48 Lafayette Park, Lynn, Mass., Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be in Pine Grove cemetery in that city.

JANUARY 29, 1946

Dr. F. C. Lord, Veteran Physician, Dies Suddenly

Funeral Planned For Wednesday

Dr. Frederick Clarence Lord, a well known local ear, eye, nose and throat specialist with offices in Masonic building in this city for nearly 30 years, died suddenly at his home, 35 Middle street, Saco, Monday evening.

He was born in Belgrade, the son of William C. and Anna (Cottle) Lord. He received his education in the public and high schools of his native town, Farmington Normal school and Maine Medical school. He later pursued special courses at Cornell University. He served as an intern at the Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary, Portland, in 1903-04 and engaged in general practice at Kennebunk from 1904-16 previous to coming to this city to open offices.

He studied at the New York City Eye and Ear Infirmary in 1916-1917 and upon returning to this city upon completion of his course engaged in specialist work of the ear, eye, nose and throat. He has served as a member of the Webber hospital staff for a long period of time as a specialist in surgical and medical cases of this kind.

Dr. Lord was married to Anna Bunker at Portland on July 4, 1905, and besides his wife survived by a son, Dr. Frederick C. Lord, Jr., a grandson, Frederick C. Lord 3rd, and a daughter, Mrs. Sara L. Martin of Lexington, Mass.

He was one of the dear old York county golf players and was one of the leading players of the Biddeford-Saco Country club for many years and during his golfing career won many trophies in match plays and tournaments in which he participated. He was a charter member of the club. Dr. Lord also devoted much of his leisure time during his young career to fishing and hunting and was well acquainted with Maine hunting and fishing life.

He was a member of the various Masonic organizations of the city; a member and past president of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club and held membership in Biddeford-Saco chapter, York county Fish and Game association, and the Maine Medical association.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

APRIL 11, 1931.

HISTORY OF SACO.

Colonel Thomas Cutts.

In the early days Saco certainly seemed to possess a sort of lure for ambitious young men, as in the case of the young William Pepperrell, Jr., who came here and laid the foundation of a handsome fortune.

Another very able young man, also from Kittery, followed Sir William's example. He was the ninth in a family of ten children. His father, Major Richard Cutt, had won his commission under Sir Wm. Pepperrell in the Louisburg campaign in the war against France, and the baronet made the son a trusted clerk, although he was very young. The latter's name was Thomas Cutts, as he was always called, although the name was originally Cutt, the letter "s" being added legally June 8, 1768, and it was surely more euphonious in that form.

Thomas Cutts began by trading in a small way in Kittery but was unsuccessful, and late in 1758 came to Saco to improve his condition. He was only 22 years old and had no capital, but borrowed \$100 of his father, and it is told of him, to his credit, that he repaid the loan as soon as possible. At first he hired a room in Dr. White's house at the foot of Wharf hill and began in a small way. To save his money, he prepared and cooked his own food and put every dollar he made back into his business which, though very small, was constantly increasing.

Indian or Bonython island was covered with oak trees and the Indians returned there every year in the fishing season. Young Thomas Cutts saw at once the advantages of the island and in 1769 bought a piece of land there for \$90. Soon afterward he built a small house, with a part of it fitted up for a store, just in the rear of the present coal office. This little house was standing until very recently. Within a few weeks the old house, which had been a landmark for long years, was torn down, with several others, all in the interests of big business.

Sir William Pepperrell having some years back come into possession of one-half of the island, his holdings were purchased in 1775 by Colonel Cutts for \$1,100 and at the same time he bought two or three smaller lots owned by other parties. A little later, in company with Amos Chase, Thomas Gilpatrick and Benjamin Nason, Thomas Cutts helped finance the building of a bridge from the lower part of the island across to the Biddeford side, at a different angle from the present bridge. While this was going on, subscriptions were received from a number of citizens to help defray the expense of building.

This bridge was carried away by the great freshet in 1785, but was promptly rebuilt by Colonel Cutts, whose business was rapidly growing. He was very clever and clear-headed and was well aware of the needs and opportunities in business and trade at that time. Even as early as the Revolution he was owner of a number of vessels and was carrying on a profitable lumber trade with the West Indies, his ships bringing on the return

voyage cargoes of molasses. He was reported at one time to have cleared in one deal \$100,000 when the market was very high.

Meanwhile he had not been blind to the attractions of the fair daughters of Saco and a few years after he came to the town, August 24, 1762, he was married to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Dominicus Scamman. The officiating clergyman was the ever popular Rev. Moses Morrill and as there were no carriages in those days Mr. Cutts and the intended bride rode on horseback to the parson, the lady on a pillion behind him and returned "Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cutts, At Home" in the little home at the foot of the hill, now called York hill.

Portraits of this lady and the bridegroom, Col. Thomas Cutts, are in the York Institute, but they certainly do not flatter and cannot do justice to the originals and should be decently and becomingly veiled. Madam Cutts' riding hood of black satin lined with white is also in the Institute.

After his marriage Thomas Cutts and his wife continued to occupy the small house at the foot of York hill for twenty years, and all except the youngest of his children were born there. In 1782 he built and removed to the fine large mansion on the crest of the hill, which has always been one of the show places of Saco and is now owned by the Pepperrell Mills, and is occupied by Howard R. Whitehead, agent of the corporation.

From this great house on the crest of the hill, there was a good view of the Saco river and the vessels in the harbor above the "Narrows." It is said by good authority that twenty or thirty vessels have been in port at one time, some of them making regular trips to and from Saco. A sailing service existed between Saco and Boston, also to and from Portland, for there were no railroads in those days. Captains Coit, Storer and Hartley, noted captains of those early times, commanded several of Col. Cutts' ships.

He not only owned the island, then called Cutts island, but also large tracts of land, about 1,200 acres of which he bought of Sir William Pepperrell, besides 1,000 acres of additional land in the up-country territory with six houses and five barns and the story was told that he could drive in his own conveyance to Canada and sleep in a house belonging to himself every night.

With all his other interests, he with a number of other men organized the first Saco bank, with a capital of \$100,000. It was first located in the office of Marshal Thomas G. Thornton (for whom Thornton academy was later named), who was Col. Cutts' son-in-law, his wife being Sarah Cutts, and there remained until a bank building was erected on the corner of Main and Pleasant streets, on the site where today stands the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution.

The first Saco bank seems to have been a sort of family affair, possibly some called it a close corporation. Among the members of Col. Cutts family and relatives, who occupied places on the directorate besides himself, was Tho-

mas Cutts, Jr., T. G. Thornton, a son-in-law; Richard Cutts, Foxwell Cutts, Jr., Dominicus Cutts, James B. Thornton and Moses Emery, Esq., who married a Miss Cutts and was the father of our esteemed citizen, Hon. George A. Emery.

Among the numerous Cutts possessions in Saco and vicinity are inventoried docks and stores, sawmills and mill privileges, Hilton's island, wherever that may be, and four-fifths of Stage island, shares in Saco Boom and four pews in the church. He also owned land and other property in New Hampshire and would have been rated a very wealthy man, even in these days.

He left much valuable silverware and fine mahogany furniture to his children, some of which his descendants still own here in town.

There is somewhere in existence a commission naming Thomas Cutts as a justice of the peace dated July 1, 1789, which is signed by John Hancock, "governour and commander-in-chief."

One authority consulted states that he built the large warehouse at the Saco ferry, which was afterward used by the York Mfg. Co. for storing cotton, and he certainly owned warehouses and stores at the Pool, which were destroyed by the British from a warship in the war of 1812.

In 1811 Col. Cutts resigned from the presidency of the Saco bank and entered into a co-partnership with a young iron merchant of Boston, Josiah Calef by name, and they formed the Saco Iron Works Co. This was the first manufacturing company on what is now Factory island. The company was to engage in the manufacture of "hoops, nail plates, nail and spike rods, nails or brads, tacks and such other iron work as they might thereafter think proper to engage in."

The colonel sold Mr. Calef one-half of a mill privilege for \$550, subject to restrictions and they agreed "to own halves and in that proportion to divide expenses, profits and losses." The two men expended over \$15,000 in getting the mill ready to carry on the manufacture of the hardware mentioned.

On June 27, 1820, Thomas Cutts, Josiah Calef and their associates formed a corporation to manufacture nails and iron or steel articles in use at that time. Till then only wrought iron nails made by blacksmiths were used, which of course were expensive. The "Saco Iron Works Co." made what was known as cut nails and Folsom's history says they made 3,500 pounds per day, which, as the company gained in proficiency, were increased to 5,500 pounds per day.

In addition to his business activities and other matters Col. Cutts was much interested in public affairs. From 1767 to 1769 he was one of the selectmen. In 1771 he was chairman of the board and was town treasurer from 1772 to 1794.

He was sent as representative from Saco to the general court in Boston in 1780 and was a councillor of Massachusetts in 1810. He worked very hard, for without those public duties, he had far more than enough business care for one man.

He was most liberal to the First Parish church, as has already been noted in a previous chapter. Col. Cutts was a firm believer in education and with others mentioned the general court for

academy in Saco. His name was first on the list of petitioners and he was the first incorporator named in the charter. He was the first president of the board of trustees of the Saco academy and was one of the first and largest contributors to the funds.

In the History of Bowdoin College, at the head of the charter list of overseers stands the names of the brothers, Edward Cutts of Kittery and Thomas Cutts of Saco, names which that same history calls "eminently aristocratic." He was also one of the incorporators of the Massachusetts General hospital.

At that early period there was no regular school system in Saco and capable instructors were almost impossible to obtain and Col. Cutts and his wife sent their sons to Andover academy. Later Richard Cutts went to Harvard as a student and the daughters attended private schools in Boston.

After the boys were educated the colonel took them into partnership and they went to sea as captains in his ships and he helped them in various ways. Foxwell Cutts, the oldest son, was engaged in navigation previous to the war of 1812 and his large and valuable ships made voyages to all parts of the world.

The colonel built about this time the large, fine house at the corner of Main street and Thornton avenue for his daughter Sarah, who married Marshal Thomas G. Thornton, and that residence became famous as a center of the best social life of the town.

Col. Cutts had eight children and all were wed but no direct descendants, on the male side, bearing the Cutts name are living in Saco. Nothing remains to tell of that older time but the large mansion house on the crest of the hill above the Saco river, which has defied wind and storms for nearly 150 years, having been built in 1785.

Col. Thomas Cutts passed away Jan. 10, 1821. He lived to see Maine achieve statehood and no one man ever lived his life in Saco that was such a vital, constructive force in the town. He was buried in a tomb in the "old burying ground in the rear of the Unitarian meeting house," but in later years the remains of both himself and wife were removed from that tomb and are interred on the lot of his grandson, Hon. Joseph T. Nye, in Laurel Hill.

Requiescat in Pace!

—Estelle M. Tattersson.

MARCH 3, 1950

Mrs. Ella W. Stewart Dies At Age Of 87

Mrs. Ella W. Stewart, a lifelong resident of Saco and widow of Benjamin D. Stewart, died this morning at a local rest home at the age of 87.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of John and Olive Wentworth. She was a past matron of Annette Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and a past noble grand of Saco Rebekah Lodge. She attended the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco.

Survivors are one son, Clyde W. Stewart of Lincoln, N. H., and two grandchildren, Robert B. and Kenneth L. Stewart.

Services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 from the Den- nett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

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Israel Shevenell lived to be eighty-six, and they say that he weighed almost two hundred and fifty pounds. But to the end of his life his pleasant, side-whiskered countenance was always a familiar sight and an influence for good in every worthwhile enterprise in Biddeford. He was a real



ISRAEL SHEVENELL

Israel Shevenell found in Biddeford in 1845 a town that was growing fast.

It is not surprising, since Israel Shevenell had a family of eighteen children, that there are many of his descendants in Biddeford. Several of

Pepperell Sheet
Pioneer
July 1894

26, 1946

Samuel L. Wilson Dies; Saco-Lowell Employee 55 Years

Prominent In Fraternal Ranks

Samuel L. Wilson, 72, one of Biddeford's best known lifelong residents, who for over 55 years was employed in the Saco-Lowell Shops here, the larger part of that period as a foreman, widely known in local, county and state Fraternal Order of Eagles, Knights of Pythias, Sons of Union Veterans, and Republican political organizations, died at his home Thursday evening after a several months illness. He had been in failing health since the death of his wife, Katherine L. Wilson, which occurred five months ago tomorrow.

Mr. Wilson was the son of Nathaniel and Sarah (Gray) Wilson. The grandfathers of his parents, Capt. Thomas B. Wilson and Captain Samuel Gray, were each a sea captain, the former being connected with the U. S. Navy.

After entering the employment of the Pepperell Manufacturing company at the age of 16 as a bobbin boy he later was promoted to

runner boy. Two years later he left the employ of the company to accept a position with the Saco Water Power company, which later was purchased and became a part of the present Saco-Lowell plant. When 27, he was promoted to foreman and continued in this capacity for 31 years. In late years he held a clerical position in Dept. 54 at the plant.

During his active political career as a member of the Republican party he served as a member of the board of health for three years, 1904-1906; he served as an alderman from 1916 to 1917, inclusive; president of the Common Council in 1932; filled the office of county commissioner from 1916 to 1922, inclusive. While he was defeated as a Republican candidate for mayor he polled a large vote each year. For 12 years he served as a trustee of Woodlawn cemetery.

He was a member of Company G, First Maine Infantry, for four years during the Spanish-American war. He was chairman of the Mechanic Blues Veteran association for three years. He was a member of the H. H. Burbank camp, Sons of Union Veterans, Saco. He served as chairman of the Biddeford Public Safety committee and as a "four minute" speaker during the Liberty Bond drive conducted during World War One.

He was a member of Mavoshen lodge, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, since 1901, and served as chancellor commander of the lodge for seven years. He was the State of Maine representative to the Grand lodge of the order for 22

years and for five years served as chairman of the Western Maine Jubilee association, K. of P. He was a past royal vizier of El Maine temple, D. O. K. K. of Portland and a former member of the life and drum corps connected with the unit.

He was the first worthy president of Biddeford Aerie, No. 804, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and served as secretary for 17 years and as trustee for 14 years of that aerie. At the time of death he was a member of the commission of five from New England representing the Grand Aerie in New England. He was a member of Squando tribe, No. 1, Improved Order of Red Men, and an honorary member of Col. L. H. Kendall Camp, United Spanish War Veterans, and Father Flanagan's Boys Town association.

He was a lover of all branches of sports and attended many of the major league baseball contests staged in New England and New York state in recent years.

A short time previous to the death of his wife, the couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

He is survived by two sons; Harry L. Wilson, this city, and Lewis N. Wilson, Brookline, Mass.; a brother George Wilson, Salem, Mass., and four grandchildren, Mrs. Dixie L. Berube, Catherine M. Larr J. and Christine Lee Wilson, all of this city.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30.

AUGUST 5, 1946

Mrs. Frank Davis Dies At Age Of 91

Mrs. Georgietta Davis, 91, long resident of Saco and widow of Frank L. Davis, building contractor of that city, died at local hospital Saturday evening. She had been receiving treatment at the institution for a fracture of the hip which she recently received at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Winfred W. Roberts, 43 Spring street, where she had resided 12 years.

Her death occurred within a few hours of the date which her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Bryant, Auburn, died a year ago.

Mrs. Davis was the daughter of James S. and Lucy (Merrill) Scamman. She was educated in the Saco schools. She was exceptionally active for a woman of her age previous to the time she experienced June 27. She had been a resident of Spring street, Saco for 29 years. During her younger life she was active in a member of the First Presbyterian Congregational church and ladies' organizations of the parish.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Winfred W. Roberts, and a son, Percy S. Davis, both of Saco; three grandchildren, Mrs. Dinsmore Worthing, Maine, Mass., Miss Mary D. Bryant, Auburn, Frank W. Davis, Auburn, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held from the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2.

JOHN W. ROBINSON, FIRST CITY EDITOR OF JOURNAL, DEAD

**Had Long and Successful Newspaper Career
—Was at One Time City Editor of the
Worcester Telegram—Served Here as
Member of Board of Aldermen and as
Member of Board of Education.**

John Whipple Robinson, 80,

dean of Biddeford newspaper men, who for half a century had been an outstanding figure in newspaper circles in this city, beginning his newspaper career here as the first city editor of the Biddeford Daily Journal in 1884, later establishing the Biddeford Daily Record in company with the late George L. Sands, and returning to the Journal as columnist and special writer, when the Record was absorbed by the Journal Publishing corporation in October, 1926, died at his home, 41 Graham street, this city, early Sunday morning. His death was caused by bronchial pneumonia. Although he had been in failing health all winter, he had been around the house and ventured outdoors when the weather permitted, which, however, was not often. Since last Tuesday he had been confined to his bed, and although it was realized by his intimate friends that his condition was serious, his death came as a shock to his hundreds of friends in the two cities. His son, Kenneth Allen Robinson, came to this city Friday from Hanover, N. H., called by the grave condition of his father.

Mr. Robinson was born in Salisbury, N. H., Oct. 8, 1853, the son of Dr. A. H. and Abbie Gould Robinson. When he was quite young his parents moved to Concord, N. H., and he attended the public schools of that municipality. After he had finished his studies in the elementary schools he took a four years' course at Phillips Exeter academy, graduating with honors. After completing his education, he was employed for four years on the Concord

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FOUR MILLION PAID IN WAGES FOR CWA WORK

**22,500 Employed
15,000 Projects in
Maine.**

Augusta, April 23.—(AP)—review of Civil Works Administration activities in Maine from Nov. 15, 1933, to March 31, 1934, delivered to Administrator H. L. Hopkins at Washington today by State Director John A. I. Donough, shows \$3,869,000 paid out in wages during that period.

More than 22,500 men and women were given work, and the cost of administration was approximately 1.8 per cent of the total payroll.

Besides paying wages the CWA bought \$232,722.67 worth of materials and the municipalities co-

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PALLBEARER DROPS DEAD

Boston, April 23.—(AP)—Dead called a marching pall-bearer today as the cortege in which he walked was about to enter the church.

It was Fire Captain Dennis B. Bley's funeral and among the honorary bearers, who strode beside the hearse as it neared the Mission church in Roxbury was Fireman Patrick McDevitt, 53.

A minute or two before Baile's body was to be borne into the church, McDevitt crumpled to the street. His comrades thought he had fainted, but a physician said heart disease had caused instantaneous death.

Hearing Called on Water Complaint

Augusta, April 23.—(AP)—The Danforth Water company having failed to heed the 10-day warning it was given to make its water supply "safe" for domestic use, the public utilities commission today called a public hearing to be held at the state house, May 4, on complaints against the company.

A public hearing will be held in Bangor, May 1, on a petition by Brown's Taxi, Inc., of Northern Harbor, for permission to operate buses between Seal Harbor and

John W. Robinson

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Monitor and the Concord Patriot and showed so much promise as a newsgatherer that when the late Charles H. Prescott established the Biddeford Daily Journal, Mr. Robinson was offered the position of city editor and accepted, coming here January 5, 1884. Four years later, or in 1888, he went to Worcester, Mass., where he became city editor of the Worcester Telegram, one of the leading newspapers in New England. He served in that capacity with credit to himself and the newspaper until 1895, when he returned to this city to establish the Biddeford Record, in company with the late George L. Sands, who had been employed as city editor of the Biddeford Journal. When the Record was absorbed by the Journal in October, 1926, Mr. Robinson again became associated with the Journal as a special writer and columnist, continuing until two years ago, when he resigned to take a well-earned rest.

Mr. Robinson served one term as a member of the Biddeford board of education and two years as a member of the board of aldermen from Ward 6. He was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal church of Concord, N. H., and a member for many years of the Royal Arcanum.

Men in all walks of life heard with profound sorrow of the demise of the veteran newspaper man who had taken such an active part in the life of the city for so long a period. During the half-century he had been reporting happenings of every description that took place in the community, from the most trivial to the most important, he came in contact with many people and had a speaking acquaintance with hundreds and hundreds of residents. While Mr. Robinson was totally absorbed in his work, as much so perhaps as any man could be, he was modest in the extreme, never seeking praise for the splendid news stories he wrote which would compare favorably with those in any of the large city papers. It was always frankly admitted in local newspaper circles that John, as he was always called by his co-workers and intimate acquaintances, was one of the brightest of his profession hereabouts. His stories were always complete to the last detail, always bringing out the salient points vividly. His stories of police court doings, political and city

versationalist and his reminiscences were mighty interesting as well as informative, as he had been in close touch with affairs years. At his fireside he was ever a genial host.

In the death of Mr. Robinson Biddeford has lost one of the representative men of the older generation, one who will be missed in all circles. All newspapermen who had been associated with Mr. Robinson, and a host of friends, in business and political circles, who had known and esteemed him for years had the kindest words to say of him today and the expression of sorrow was universal. His death will come as a personal loss to many people scattered from one end of the county to the other, many of whom were subscribers of the Biddeford Record during the 30 years it was published.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his wife and one son, Kenneth Allen Robinson, professor of English in Dartmouth college at Hanover, N.

H., who have the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. The funeral service will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1 p. m. at his late residence, 41 Graham street, and will be strictly private. Friends are invited to call from 11 to 12.

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Oak Grove School Graduate Engaged



Miss Elaine Stride

Biddeford, July 13.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton Stride of 102 Graham Street, Biddeford, announce the engagement of their daughter Elaine, to Stedman Charles Pool of Wethersfield, Conn., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lundy Pool, now living in La Paz, Bolivia, where Mr. Pool is associated with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs.

Miss Stride is a graduate of Oak Grove School, Vassalboro, Me., and Duke University, Durham, N. C., in the class of 1946.

Mr. Pool also was graduated from Duke University in the class of 1946, having previously attended Loomis Institute, Windsor, Conn., and having served in the U. S. Navy during the war. He is now connected with the Pennsylvania Airlines, Washington, D. C.

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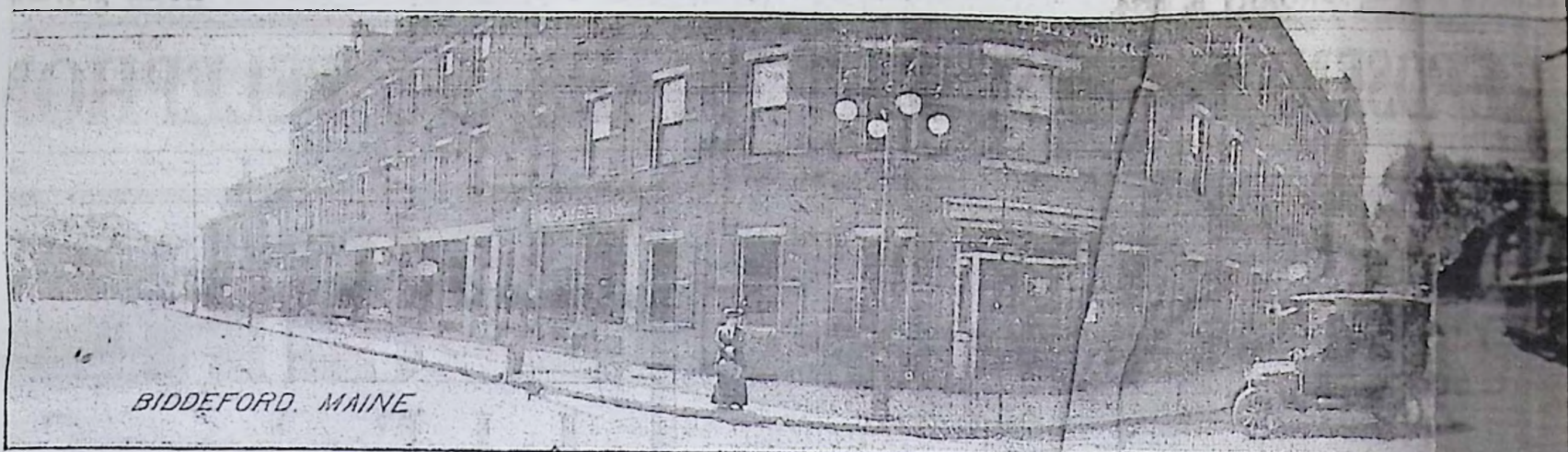
F. W. Sawyer, Former Saco Druggist, Dies

Frederick William Sawyer, 79, one of the oldest retired druggists in the two cities, a resident of Saco for 35 years died early this morning at his home on Winter street.

Born in this city, the son of Charles H. and Mary (Lowell) Sawyer, he operated a drug store on Main street, Saco, for many years, previous to his retirement.

He leaves his wife, Rene Carle Sawyer; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth White and Miss Mary Sawyer; three sons, M-Sgt. Carl F. Sawyer, S-Sgt. Allen E. Sawyer and Theodore Sawyer; two sisters, Mrs. Abney Fenderson and Mrs. Charles Innes, and one grandchild, all of Saco.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday afternoon at 4 from home, 365 Main street, Saco.



MAIN STREET AND CITY SQUARE A LITTLE

FEBRUARY 27, 1946

Robert Alexander, Prominent Saco Resident, Dies

Ex-Postmaster And City Official

Robert A. Alexander, 88 North street, Saco, life-long resident of that city, who held the postmaster



Robert A. Alexander

ship of the Saco post office from 1922 until 1935, under the former Presidents, Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and Franklin D. Roosevelt, died at a Portland hospital Tuesday evening following a several weeks illness.

Mr. Alexander underwent a serious operation at the hospital and recovered to such an extent that he was able to return home. He suffered a relapse earlier in the week which made it necessary for his immediate return to the medical institution where he died.

Mr. Alexander was the son of the late Robert and Marion L. (Arbuckle) Alexander. He was educated in the Saco public

schools and graduated from Thornton academy in the class of 1909. During his student period at the school, he was a prominent in varsity athletics.

After completing his education he accepted a clerical position in the business offices of the York Manufacturing company which he held previous to being appointed cotton inspector. He held his position until appointed postmaster of the Saco postoffice by President Harding on March 29, 1922. He received reappointments for the postmastership by the President Coolidge, March 29, 1926, and by President Hoover on April 2, 1930.

At the expiration of this last four year term, he continued to hold the position under President Roosevelt, until relieved of his duties by Archie King, appointed to the position by President Roosevelt. In late years previous to being stricken ill, he filled the position of office manager of the sub-contract department at the Saco-Lowell shops.

In addition to serving as city auditor for four years and as city clerk on two different occasions during his younger career, he held the office of chairman of the Saco Republican City committee in recent years and had been active in county, state and national campaigns conducted by the political party with which he was affiliated for many years.

He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., arch high priest of York chapter, past thrice illustrious master of Maine Council, and a past commander of Bradford Commandery, Knight's Templar. He was also a member of the Shrine club at Lewiston, and a member and past patron of Annette chapter, O. E. S., Saco, and a past noble grand of Saco lodge, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Alexander was a member of the Saco United Baptist church, trustee of the investment committee of the parish, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Sweetser fund, a corporator of the Saco and Biddeford Savings bank and secretary of Laurel Hill Cemetery association.

Mr. Alexander was twice wed, his first wife, the late Mildred Bugbee Alexander, died several years ago.

Surviving relatives are his widow, the former Mary E. Bennett, R. N., a daughter, Miss Helen A. Alexander, R. N., and two sisters, Mrs. Melvin Wilbur, Saco, and Mrs. Margaret Webster, of Portsmouth, N. H.

MARCH 2, 1946

In regard to Dalton, the button man, Mrs. Bessie T. Small, Pool street, states: My parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Townsend, lived in the Dalton house on Pool street, a duplex, one and a half story, almost opposite the easterly end of Oak street. The house is now a store. My father and mother always kept up the friendship, and I was taught to call them "grammie and grand-p." Mr. Dalton was short, stout and jolly. In regard to the button shop, it was located on the alley facing the small park, on land now occupied by the First National Bank building. I can still see the boxes upon boxes of button on the shelf. I have a small china jewel box they gave me one Christmas. They moved away, but if I am not mistaken, they came back in the late 80's and again opened up a button shop in the same place for a short time.

More on Dalton, the button man: Mrs. Orrie Quimby Dearborn, local resident, states: The store kept by Dalton, was in the Quimby and Sweetser block, about midway on the side facing Lincoln street. There was a plank walk before it, running the length of the block towards Stone street. It was not an alleyway as I remember it, but there was a driveway and a narrow space of vacant land between the plank walk and Lincoln street. The front of the block, facing Main street, was occupied by a music store, I believe conducted by a "Mr. Pond" and later by Charles Milikin. Mrs. Lord's store was in the corner of Smith and Main streets and her stock in trade was chiefly candy and toys. She had adopted her sister's child who was a classmate of mine in Biddeford High school, class of 1878. She later married Edmund Garland.

James H. Bradbury, 24 May street, principal of the Biddeford Evening school, states that the Dalton button shop was located on land now occupied by the First National bank. He recalls some of the items kept in stock by the proprietor.

APRIL 17, 1946

PREBLE RITES.

Burial services for Edward L. Preble, former Saco resident and proprietor of a confectionery store in that city for many years, will be held Saturday morning at 11:30 at the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery.

Preble died February 24 at Lowell, Mass., where he had been living with a niece, Mrs. E. Fairburn. The body had been tombed at Lowell to await burial in the Saco cemetery.

MARCH 8, 1946

TEN YEARS AGO

Mrs. Emma Wentworth, Park avenue, Saco, broke her leg in a fall at the Pool Street. She was a guest of her brother, Howard R. Whitehead.

DECEMBER 19, 1931.

THE OLD SETTLER — SAYS —

Ernest G. Knights of Westbrook, who will be a candidate for sheriff in York county in the primary next June, has written the Old Settler regarding the customs of watchers for the dead and funeral customs. He says:

"Your recent inquiry regarding some of the practices, or customs, followed at old-time funerals prompts me to say that some of the customs you mention were in vogue, at least in some of the rural sections, not more than 50 years ago. The practice of 'watching the corpse' until the time of the funeral was through the lack of knowledge of preserving the body such as the modern undertaker possesses. In those days the body was taken to the coolest room in the house, the shades carefully drawn and it was the duty of the watchers to maintain a temperature as near to 'cool' or about 10 degrees, as possible. This continued until the day of the funeral.

"The long-winded sermons mentioned were in vogue as recently as 1900 and I have heard it stated that the reason for these marathon exhibitions was for no other purpose than to allow the preacher to 'exhibit his wares.' It wasn't long ago when the country possessed a large number of preachers; good, bad and

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A LITTLE MORE THAN A DECADE AGO

Indifferent as far as oratory went. There was even rivalry among them, so much so that when prominent John Smith was called to his father, some "wire-pulling" was seen among the "gentlemen of the cloth" as to who should "conduct the service."

"Forty-five years ago the house was but little known in the country and was seen only when the deceased was known as one 'well-died.' The vehicle usually used for this purpose was the well known 'straight-car' wagon with the seats removed."

"My talks with the old-timers regarding these occasions, notwithstanding the sadness connected therewith, has produced a wealth of humor that is worthy of being put in book form. You will understand that in those days the population was much larger than at present and that when anything out of the ordinary occurred the neighbors always wanted to help. Whether it was a fire or a death that had caused trouble, the neighbors consoled and offered assistance in such amounts that there wasn't opportunity enough to 'go round.' On one such occasion one of the volunteers was asked to get a little dry wood for those who were assuming to do the cooking in the kitchen for the crowd who was supposed to wait for supper after the funeral, and ten minutes after the volunteer appeared with the dry wood in the form of the late farmer's 10-foot ladder which he had cut into the proper lengths for the stove."

"The undertaker of those days was a person who possessed a pleasant and whose heavy duty in the handling of corpses was attended by hard labor that was probably 50 per cent. fiction. Sometimes he wasn't called until the second day after the person had passed on, but he was much in evidence on the day of the funeral. It was his duty to dress the corpse, usually in the suit that had carefully been preserved in the trunk upstairs by the deceased for several years. Rigger mortis having then occurred, it was necessary for the undertaker to split the coat in the back in order to get it on. There was one occasion when the day was hot and the undertaker had removed his 'class-hammer' that had been much service on such occasions and his directions what to do to some of the volunteers evidently

was misunderstood for, after completing some of his other duties like making a list of the mourners, etc., he returned for his coat and found, after a considerable search, that the same had been carefully split and that the deceased was about to 'go to glory' dressed in the habiliment of a small-town undertaker. And, so the story goes, he so went. But, as Bill Arp used to say: 'That wasn't what I started to tell you about.'"

APRIL 22, 1946

Bernice Smith Saco Bride Of Clinton Milliken

Reception Follows Church Ceremony

At 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, Miss Bernice Ida Smith, daughter of Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith, 416 Main street, Saco, and the late LeRoy Smith, became the bride of Clinton Gould Milliken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Milliken, 111 Elm street, Saco.

Rev. Stanley A. Gould officiated at the single ring ceremony. The organ music, "Spring Song," Mendelssohn; "Romance," Bennett; "Liebestraume," Liszt; "The Cakes of St. Marks," Russolo, and "Overture to Lohengrin," Wagner, were played by Miss Helen Hill, also the "Bridal Chorus," Wagner, and "Wedding March," by Mendelssohn. The church was decorated with baskets of maidens and candles.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, wore a gown of white satin with a fitted bodice, a sweetheart neckline, long, fitted sleeves and a full skirt on train. Her fingertip veil was caught to a headpiece of braided satin bands, and she carried a bouquet of white roses and sweet peas.

Miss Pauline H. Smith, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. She wore a gown of pale blue net, with a bouffant skirt and for head-dress she wore a coronet of spring flowers, and carried a bouquet of pink roses and sweet

peas.

The bridegroom chose as his best man, Peter C. Bogh, Portland, and ushers were Edgar H. Pellerin and Walter Hanson, Saco.

Mrs. Smith, mother of the bride, wore a pearl gray gown appliqued in beaded sprays of pale pink, lavender and blue, a floral hat, and a corsage of pink roses and sweet peas.

Mrs. Floy Hutchinson, aunt of the groom, wore a gown with a pale rose crepe blouse, trimmed with silver sequins and a black skirt, a floral hat, and a corsage of pink roses and sweet peas.

A reception was held in the Congregational parish house following the ceremony with 150 guests in attendance. Piano and violin music was played by Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Robbins during the reception. The table was decorated with white carnations and candelabra.

Miss Iva Gould, aunt of the groom, was in charge of the guest book. Miss Doris Freeman, Mrs. C. Wallace Harmon and Mrs. Lena Hanson were in charge of the wedding gifts display. Mrs. Dorothy Whitney had charge of cutting the wedding cake, and Mrs. Lena Burnham was in charge of the punch bowl. Serving were Mrs. Vernetta Dennett, Mrs. Bertha Fenderson, Mrs. Mildred Tibbetts, Mrs. Louise Reed, Mrs. Isabelle Ham, Mrs. Dorothy Whitney, Mrs. Doris Burnham, Mrs. Marianne Gillis, Mrs. Inez Heeney, Mrs. Liday Mehlman, Mrs. Bernice Sanderson, Mrs. Lena Burnham and the Misses Reba Jose and Dorothy McAllister.

Mrs. Milliken, is a graduate of Thornton Academy and is a past member of Annette chapter, No. 134, O. E. S., and is employed at the Mutual Fire Insurance company office, Saco.

Mr. Milliken graduated from Thornton Academy and has served as high priest of the Royal Arch Chapter, Masons, Saco, and is now employed at the Saco-Lowell Shops.

Mr. and Mrs. Milliken will be at home at 111 Elm street, Saco, May 1.

Out-of-town guests were Miss Harriet L. Stewart, Bangor; Mr. and Mrs. Millard Rollins, Portland; Miss Reba Jose, Boston; Mrs. Robert Ham, Goffstown, N. H.; Mrs. John Heeney, Kittery; Mrs. Clarice Stanley, Portland; Mrs. Clarice Elliot, Portland; Rev. Ward R. Clarke, Cambridge, Mass.; Peter C. Bogh, Portland;

Wallace Cook, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Wallace, South Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Fickett, Portland, Misses Barbara and Janet Wallace, South Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Horne, Springvale; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Guilford, Old Orchard Beach; Mrs. Arthur Stanley, Mrs. H. E. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Farar, all of Portland; Mrs. Walter Stewart, Gray; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney White, Mr. and Mrs. Alden Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford English, South Portland; Mrs. Kathryn Lothrop, Bangor; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Bacheller, Steep Falls; Mrs. Frederick Brandenburg, Boston.

MAY 31, 1946

John T. Emerson, Ex-Railroad Man, Dies In Bay State

Word was received here this morning of the death of John T. Emerson, prominent Saco resident, who in late years resided on Pleasant street, in Saco, at the home of his son, Guy Emerson, in Beverly, Mass., last evening.

Mr. Emerson resided in Saco during the larger part of his life and previous to his retiring from work was employed for a long period of years, as baggage-master at the Saco passenger station of the Boston and Maine railroad. He was also engaged in an insurance business during his younger life. For many years, he was prominent in Maine I. O. O. F., Encampment and Patriarch Militant circles. He served as secretary and treasurer of Canton J. H. Dearborn of this city for many years and held many important posts in the State Department of Patriarch Militant connected with the Odd Fellows. He was a member of Laconia Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Guy, and two grandchildren of Beverly, Mass.

The body is to be forwarded to Saco and funeral services are to be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 2.



Portland Press Herald—Portland, Maine — Saturday
Morning, July 6, 1946

Die Miss Doris Mae Walker Of Saco Em To Wed Lt. Charles Graff, USN

Sam Biddeford resident was on his way to work at the shops that he had known for many years when he was killed by a car. His death was a severe blow to his family. He was a member of the United Baptist Church and was a very popular person. He was married to Mrs. Doris Mae Walker of Saco. They had two children, a son and a daughter. He was a very good man and a very good father. He was a very good friend to all who knew him. He was a very good man and a very good father. He was a very good friend to all who knew him.

Miss Doris Mae Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Walker of Foley Avenue, Saco, and granddaughter of Mrs. Frederick G. Hamilton of Saco, and the late Frederick G. Hamilton, former mayor of South Portland, will be married to Lt. Charles Wesley Graff, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton C. Graff of North 24th Street, Quincy, Ill., at 7:30 p. m. today in the United Baptist Church, Saco. The Rev. Paul Barker will officiate and the bride will be given in marriage by her father.

Her short net veil will fall from a crown of seed pearls and she will carry white roses, lilies-of-the-valley and stephanotis. The bride's sister, Miss Frances E. Walker of Washington, D. C., will be maid of honor. Her gown of lime colored faille will have cap sleeves and a draped skirt. She will wear an arrangement of talisman roses in her hair and purple gloves. Her bouquet will be of Talisman roses. Ensign Herbert A. Graff USN, of Minneapolis, Minn., brother of the bridegroom, will be best man. She will be attended by six bridesmaids, the Misses Jean Menetrev of Oakville, Conn., Jane Liddell of Nor-

well, Mass. Sally Kimball of Wiscasset, Barbara Marden, Frances Rowell and Priscilla Walker, sister of the bride, all of Saco. Their gowns will be identical, of champagne faille, fashioned with off-shoulder, long, pointed sleeves, and bustle-draped-back skirt with slight train. Their illusion veils of purple net will be caught with orchid sweet peas, and they will wear purple chokers. They will carry colonial bouquets of deep purple and orchid sweet peas with white lace ruff, tied with leaf green ribbon.

The bride's mother will wear a gown of air force blue trimmed with rhinestones. The bridegroom's mother will wear black marquisette. Both will wear a corsage of white baby orchids. A reception will be held at 8 p. m. in the bride's home on Foley Avenue. Those serving will be Mrs.

JULY 22, 1947

Rites Thursday For Fred A. Sawyer, 77

Fred Augustus Sawyer, 77, lifelong Saco resident, who previous to his retirement about five years ago operated a carriage and automobile painting establishment in that city for over 50 years, died at his home, 263 North street, early today following a long illness.

Mr. Sawyer was the son of Stephen and Emily (Cole) Sawyer. He learned the trade of a painter when a young man and in 1890 became proprietor of the paint shop which he operated for a long period of years before disposing of the place to Ernest A. Robbins.

He was a member and former treasurer of Saco Grange for many years and was active in the organization.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Leon H. Libby, Saco, and a nephew, Chester Sawyer, Norway.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Portland Press Herald—Portland, Maine — Monday

Morning, July 8, 1946



WED AT SACO—Lt. and Mrs. Charles Wesley Graff (Miss Dorothy Mae Walker) whose marriage was solemnized Saturday evening in the Saco United Baptist Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Saco and granddaughter of the late Frederick Hamilton, former mayor of South Portland. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton C. Graff of North 24th Street, Quincy, Ill.

—Thursday Morning, March 6, 1947



AT RUG DISPLAY—Group prominent at the rug display sponsored by the hooked rug classes of the WLU Wednesday in Frye Hall. Upper, left to right, Mrs. Charles H. Bickford, in charge of hall arrangements; Mrs. Everett Hutchinson, chairman of the hand work exhibit; Mrs. Raymond G. Stearns, teacher; Mrs. Fred L. Strange, general chairman, and Mrs. H. Norton Maxfield, chairman of publicity. Below, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Gillis with several articles he has made.

South Portland Veteran Learned To Hook Rugs While Hospitalized

Two years of occupational therapy have made Edward E. Gillis, Margaret Street, South Portland veteran, a competent rug hooker as more than 1,000 persons observed Wednesday at the rug exhibit in Frye Hall under the auspices of the hooked rug classes of the WLU.

The veteran's hooking career started in Cushing Memorial Hospital, Framingham, Mass., where he was hospitalized two years when a rug instructor urged him to start a rug. When his buddies saw his star pattern, they all took up the art. Gillis made two rugs, a wall hanging and a pocketbook before leaving the hospital in September.

Since then he has been working faithfully every day and has completed a rug, a pocketbook and four chair seats. The rugs he is making for his home but he expects to have a small business selling chair seats and purses. He expressed his appreciation to the WLU for their gifts of material, dyes and a cutting machine. Mr. and Mrs. Gillis attended the meeting and exhibited several articles of his handwork.

Seventy-six rugs of floral, oriental, geometric and scenic designs were displayed. Mrs. Walter E. Hook, Mrs. John A. Marshall and Mrs. Merle A. Butts were among those demonstrating the process. Rectangular, circular and half rugs, chair seats, piano bench seat covers and coffee table tops were among the types of rugs shown. Of special interest was the unusual treatment of scrolls, shadings of flowers and transformation of similar patterns with different colors.

Highlights in the hand decorating class exhibit were old trays, old stenciled patterns, candle moulds, tea kettles, a Dutch warming oven and spice boxes.

FEBRUARY 25, 1947

MRS. JENNIE ROBERTS

Funeral services for Mrs. Jennie G. Roberts, widow of Willis T. Roberts, a former prominent Saco resident who died in Everett, Mass., Thursday, were held Monday at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. Stanley A. Gould, minister

of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, officiated, and burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Roberts, who died in her 86th year, was the daughter of the late Joseph L. and Charlotte (Googins) Hobson of Saco. She was educated in the schools of that city. During her younger life she was employed as a clerk in the late Charles H. Leighton's dry and fancy goods store on Main street here.

Her father, Joseph L. Hobson, was one of the leading lumber merchants of the two cities and an ex-mayor of the City of Saco. She married Willis T. Roberts of the Standard Publishing Co. of this city and the couple resided in the two cities and Old Orchard Beach for many years. At her husband's death she went to Everett, Mass., to live with Mr. and Mrs. William Philbrick of that city as a companion. Last fall she fell and fractured a hip.

Surviving relatives are three cousins, Mrs. Josephine Cole Brown, Saco; Mrs. Charles Pennell, Portland, and Mrs. Morton French, Delray Beach, Fla.

JANUARY 20, 1947

Illness Fatal To C. P. Prescott; Rites Tuesday Prominent In Masonic Circles

Christopher Proctor Prescott,

68, of 324 Main street, prominent in local, county, state and New England Rotary clubs and Masonic circles, and an active member of Biddeford-Saco chapter of the York County Fish and Game association for many years, died at his home here Sunday morning after a lengthy illness. His death followed that of his wife, Emma Prescott, which occurred about a month ago.

Mr. Prescott was born in Preston, Lancaster, England, Feb. 11, 1878, the son of Christopher and Jane (Proctor) Prescott. He received his early education in the schools of Bury Pitts-moor. At the age of 13, he commenced a seven years apprenticeship with the J. J. Pickup and Company, sheet metal engineers of Bury, England. In 1899, he secured employment with the James Backsondale and Sons, sheet metal contractors, and worked for the concern until March, 1911, when he sailed for the United States.

He arrived in this city April 12 of the same year and secured a job with the late John B. Lowell at his tinsmith shop on Main street. Later he worked for Goodier and Sellers, who purchased the shop when Mr. Lowell retired. In 1917 he decided to engage in business for himself, specializing in automobile radiator and sheet metal work. Known as an expert workman his services were widely sought by a large clientele which included officials of many of the leading industrial plants, contractors, and individual home builders in York and Cumberland counties.

Much of the blower, heating and air conditioning equipment in the Pepperell, Saco-Lowell and York mills and in many of the public building of the two cities were installed under the supervision of Mr. Prescott. He was the founder of the present Christopher Prescott tin and sheet metal shop located in the rear of his home, 324 Main street. He retired from active management of the place a few years ago owing to his rapidly failing health.

Mr. Prescott was a pleasing entertainer. During his younger career he was a favorite of residents of the two cities. For a long period no Masonic, Rotary club, Episcopal church or different social clubs of which he was a member, entertainments were complete unless he rendered one or two selections. In his popular real "Lancashire" lad portrayal style of his favorite, popular English songs and humorous stories. Featured in the group of selections most popular with his audiences was "McNamara's Band." On one occasion "Chris" led his famous Irish band of 30 members of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club, as a stunt performed by the local Rotarians, at a New England Rotary club district convention at the Poland Spring House and the presentation received much publicity in Rotary club circles in this country and Canada.

While he had numerous hobbies, fishing, hunting, baseball and football appeared to be his favorite outstanding recreational activities. He often journeyed to various parts of the state on fishing and hunting expeditions and seldom returned without good-sized catches of his favorite fresh water fish or kinds of game for which he hunted. He was known as an expert flycaster and a most accurate marksman. He took a most active interest in the fish and game associations with which

he was affiliated. He showed much interest in bills pending before legislative committees dealing with laws pertaining to the betterment of conditions for Maine sportsmen.

He was a member of Dunlap Lodge, F. & A. M.; York chapter; Bradford Commandery Knights Templar; Maine Council, No. 7, Royal and Select Masters; Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston, and a 32nd degree Mason.

He was a devout member of Christ Episcopal church of this city and for several years, when health permitted, served as a vestryman and in other high-ranking offices of honor and trust of the church society.

Besides a daughter, Mrs. David H. Twomey, he leaves three grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Barker, Old Orchard Beach, Mrs. Clara Laycock and Mrs. Agnes Mitchell of England, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at Christ Episcopal church, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DECEMBER 14, 1946

Rites Sunday For Mrs. Chris Prescott

Mrs. Emma Howarth Prescott, 66, wife of Chris Prescott, and a resident of this city 35 years, died Friday at her home on Main street after a long illness.

Born in Preston, England, the daughter of Daniel and Jane Howarth, she was a member of Christ Episcopal church and of the Women's Society of the church, and a member of Adah Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S.

She leaves her husband; one daughter, Mrs. David J. Twomey; three grandchildren, all of this city, and several cousins in England.

Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, after noon today, prior to funeral services Sunday afternoon at 2 at the funeral home.

NOVEMBER 13, 1946

Injuries Fatal To Frank M. Meserve

Word was received in Saco late Tuesday evening by relatives of the death of Frank M. Meserve of Sacramento, Calif., a former resident of Saco, which occurred in his home community earlier in the day as the result of injuries received after being struck by an automobile last Saturday.

Mr. Meserve was born in Saco Oct. 3, 1871, and educated in the schools of that city. During his young life he was employed as a clerk at the grocery store conducted by the late Edward Garland on Main street, Saco, for many years. During the past 42 years he had resided in California and was employed as a carpenter and millwright by various concerns. He had paid several visits to Saco the last being about a year ago. His wife died in California several years ago.

Surviving relatives are his brother, Benjamin W. Meserve; a niece, Mrs. George F. Smith, and a nephew, Ralph H. Meserve, all of Saco. Funeral services and interment will be held in Sacramento.



COMMITTEE FOR CHRISTMAS AFFAIR—Members of the Webber Hospital Auxiliary, Biddeford, who are serving on the committees for the annual Christmas Ball sponsored by the organization. Seated, left to right: Mrs. David C. Shaw, decorations chairman; Mrs. William T. Roussin and Mrs. Philip Bridger, co-chairmen of arrangements.

Standing, left to right: Mrs. Harold D. Carroll, publicity chairman; Mrs. William B. O'Sullivan, Mrs. Gilman Seaver, Mrs. Gilbert Harriman and Mrs. Ermond F. Lewis, committee on prizes.

JULY 2, 1946

L. O. Bullock Electrician, Taken By Death

Leverett O. Bullock, 74, of 179 Lincoln street, Saco, lifelong Biddeford and Saco resident, who, at the time of his active retirement four years ago, was believed to be the oldest electrical contractor in York county, died at a local hospital this morning following a length illness. Mr. Bullock held the distinction of having installed the first electric light equipment and fixtures in the Masonic building and Trull hospital of this city and in many of the other best

known buildings and institutions in this part of the county.

He was born in this city the son of the late William R. T. and Fannie (Baldwin) Bullock. He attended the Biddeford public schools and graduated from Biddeford High in the class of 1891 with the rank of captain of the school's famous cadet corps of that period. He was also prominent in varsity athletic circles of the school filling regular positions on different teams representing the institution.

When a young man he entered the employ of the former York County Light and Heat company and learned the electrician's trade. After working for the concern for a number of years he left their employ and formed an electrical contractors' company with his cousin, William P. Goodwin, the firm being known

as Bullock and Goodwin. After the firm dissolved partnership, Mr. Bullock continued to operate a similar business of his own up to the time of his retirement. He was known as an expert in his line of work and his services were widely sought in installing electrical equipment in homes and business blocks being erected locally.

He held the office of city electrician in Saco from 1903 to 1906.

Besides his widow, the former Mabel C. Davis, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Beryl Willett and Mrs. Laurence L. Graves both of Saco; three grandsons, Wendell Willett, Old Orchard Beach, Frederick P. Graves, 2nd, and Leverett Bullock Graves of Saco, and three cousins, William F. Goodwin, Saco, Mrs. Frederick Kensel, Miami, Fla., and Mrs. Alice Hayes, Rochester, N. H.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JUNE 2, 1947

Rites Tuesday For Mrs. Frank Deering At Bay View Home

Mrs. Frances Chase Deering, a resident of Saco for 45 years and widow of Frank G. Deering, died suddenly Saturday evening at the Bay View summer home.

She was born in Augusta, the daughter of Martin and Helen (Chase) Van Buren, and is survived by a stepson, Joseph G. Deering, and one step-daughter, Catharine A. Deering, both of Saco, and one niece.

She was a member of the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco, and funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 from her summer residence.

In Memoriam

These Dear Companions departed this life during the Year 1943.
The will of God is done—Their mortal race is run—Beneath the
circling sun.

	EXALTED	DIED
FRANK B STEVENS	Oct. 4, 1920	Mar. 14, 1943
ALVAH C. WESCOTT	Sept. 18, 1920	Mar. 18, 1943
FRED ROWE, JR.	Jan. 2, 1912	Apr. 30, 1943
ARCHIBALD F. HUSTON	Oct. 17, 1919	May 5, 1943
JOHN A. MESERVE	Dec. 16, 1919	June 2, 1943
SAMUEL A. TITCOMB	Nov. 22, 1904	June 4, 1943
WILLARD F. MURPHY	June 12, 1907	June 27, 1943
FRED E. WHITMAN	Nov. 17, 1903	Sept. 22, 1943
LAWRENCE A. DOE, P. H. P.	Nov. 29, 1920	Nov. 1, 1943
JOSEPH B. GOUGH	Mar. 28, 1917	Nov. 27, 1943

DEDICATED TO THE ABOVE LATE COMPANIONS

Abide in Heav'n! oh, the enkindling trust!
The record of his deeds remaineth here:
THE ACACIA blooms beside his silent dust
To point unerringly to yon bright sphere.

Then, though the SHATTERED COLUMN mark his fate,
And WEeping VIRGIN tell th' unfinished FANE,
Not altogether are we desolate,
For oh, departed friend, we meet again!

"SO MOTE IT BE"

In Memoriam

So live, that when these cassia leaves
Shall blend with thy forgotten dust,
Kind Mother-Earth, who all receives,
Will yield, unchanged, her sacred trust,
While angels lead thee to the Throne,
And GOD, the MASTER, claims his own.

These Beloved Companions left us during the year 1944.

	EXALTED	DIED
FRANK R. POPE	April 20, 1928	May 20, 1944
RUFUS B. FRANCIS	Nov. 17, 1919	June 29, 1944
WILLIAM M. MCLEOD	June 12, 1918	Aug. 12, 1944
Dr. ERNEST E. GIBBS	Dec. 11, 1912	Oct. 9, 1944
JAMES C. SMITH	Oct. 4, 1920	Nov. 8, 1944

IN APPRECIATION

'Tis thus with you, my Friend! the voice of all
Yields willing tribute to your high deserts;
But from the CRAFT there comes a stronger call—
From that Great Brotherhood whose chain begirts
The broad world round, the grateful wages come
Whose price is HONOR and whose favor BLOOM.

We'll set a green and deathless sprig—
Each leaf a BROTHER'S NAME shall have;
And fragrant with th' Acacia bloom
When one has left us for the grave:
When one in Temple-labor fails,
And golden bowl is broken quite,
How grateful to the sense will be
The green sprig that we set to-night!

"SO MOTE IT BE"

In Memoriam

Let us pause, and spend a few moments in remembrance of these
Companions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	EXALTED	DIED
CHARLES F. FURBER	April 18, 1910	Jan. 27, 1945
GEORGE D. BUCK	Oct. 30, 1907	Feb. 21, 1945
LYLE DALTON WIGGIN	May 12, 1943	Feb. 1945
<i>In the Service of his Country—Italian Front</i>		
GEORGE E. DAVIS	May 18, 1914	April 9, 1945
BENJAMIN SMITH GOODWIN	May 28, 1942	April 23, 1945
<i>In the Service of his Country—Pacific Area</i>		
CARL IVERSON	Nov. 23, 1910	June 9, 1945
WILLIAM G. BROWN	April 13, 1923	Aug. 15, 1945
BENJAMIN L. GORDON	Nov. 8, 1916	Sept. 2, 1945
JOSEPH S. STICKNEY	June 13, 1917	Sept. 9, 1945
HERBERT E. CAMPBELL	Oct. 17, 1919	Sept. 11, 1945
CLARENCE S. JACK	Dec. 9, 1908	Nov. 7, 1945
ERNEST WATSON	Apr. 13, 1920	Dec. 5, 1945

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In Memoriam

This part of our Annual Notice is Dedicated to those Com-
panions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	EXALTED	DIED
FREDERIC L. HODGKINS	May 14, 1947	Jan. 9, 1948
FRED C. BRYANT	June 13, 1900	Jan. 11, 1948
CLAYTON W. CENTER	Dec. 5, 1930	Feb. 20, 1948
CLEMENT P. WIGHT	May 9, 1906	May 17, 1948
JAMES H. FENDERSON	Nov. 27, 1900	June 24, 1948
MATTHEW CURRIE	Sept. 18, 1920	July 10, 1948
WRIGHT F. EMMONS	Nov. 23, 1910	Aug. 20, 1948
RALPH W. DOW, Past H. P.	April 15, 1912	Oct. 20, 1948

In Memoriam

This page is Dedicated to those Companions who have Passed
On since our last Annual Convocation.

"Sleep on, dear friend until the waking day
And ever; we who loved thy presence here
Shall keep for thee, throughout the coming days,
A tender memory, growing with the years."

	EXALTED	DIED
FRANK G. JOHNSON	Sept. 18, 1920	Jan. 26, 1946
Dr. FREDERICK C. LORD,	May 10, 1922	Jan. 28, 1946
<i>Joined by dimit from Murry Chapter No. 33</i>		
GEORGE H. ORCUTT,	April 8, 1920	Jan. 28, 1946
ARTHUR N. BURNIE,	March 8, 1911	Feb. 12, 1946
ROBERT A. ALEXANDER,	Dec. 8, 1915	Feb. 25, 1946
<i>Past High Priest</i>		
GEORGE L. GOLDTHWAIT,	April 25, 1917	Oct. 15, 1946

OUR FRATERNAL DEAD

"What is death? God's mercy, strange, uncomprehended,
The undiscovered goal;
The land of promise when toil is ended,
The dawn of the soul."

The philosophy of our fraternity based upon a belief in a
Supreme Being with the attributes of a loving Father sustains and
guides us in the dark hours which attend the passing of companions
of our Order. When we think of them having passed into another
life, a life which we must all enter when our journey here is ended,
we are comforted.

Often our lives have been made better by knowing them.
They have left us a wealth of memories which Time's hand cannot
efface.

"SO MOTE IT BE"

MAY 9, 1947

Rites Sunday For Seth M. Hanson, Saco Coal Dealer

Killed When Car Strikes Tree

Seth M. Hanson, 67, of the Old Orchard road, Saco, engaged in a retail coal business in that city for 25 years and a former player on New England and Interna-



SETH M. HANSON.

tional baseball league teams, was instantly killed about one and one-half miles south of South Paris shortly after 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon when his car struck a tree.

It is believed he suffered an ill turn while driving, causing him to lose control of the coupe he was operating. Mr. Hanson is reported to have not been in the best of health in recent months. He was returning from a business trip to Bethel when the accident took place.

According to Sheriff F. F. Francis of Oxford county, who investigated the accident and later requested Day Deskman Raymond Kerry of the Saco police department to inform Mrs. Hanson of her husband's death, the Saco man's machine travelled about 200 feet after the driver had lost control, swerved across the road and then back again before colliding with the tree. Hanson's body was found partially out of the wreckage when discovered by a passing motorist.

Medical Examiner D. M. Stewart of South Paris reported a finding of accidental death.

Mr. Hanson was a native of Stark, N. H., the son of Thomas and Eliza (Norwood) Hanson. He attended the Gorham, N. H., public and high schools and Tufts College. During his younger career he established a reputation as a baseball player while a member of the Tufts College varsity nine and later with the Portland team of the New England League and the Montreal club of the International League.

He was a lover of sports and

was one of Thornton Academy's staunchest supporters.

He was a member of Saco Lodge, F. & A. M.; York Chapter; Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters; Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, a 32nd Degree Mason; Kora Shrine, Lewiston; Annette Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

Surviving relatives are his widow, the former Sybil Smith, R. N., and a son, Bragdon M. Hanson, a member of the high school faculty at Dexter.

The body has been brought to Saco and funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

DECEMBER 4, 1946

Frederick Potts Dies Suddenly At Wheel Of Car

Frederick J. Potts, 78, of 420 Pool road, a lifelong Biddeford resident, employed at the Saco-Lowell Shops half a century, died suddenly shortly after 5:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after being stricken with a heart attack.

He was operating his automobile on Washington street on his way home after work. First aid treatment administered to the stricken man by Acting Chief Frank Cantara, Second Assistant Engineer Thomas Farley and Edward Larouche, a member of the permanent fire fighting staff, at the Central fire station while awaiting the arrival of a physician, failed to prolong Mr. Potts' life.

Dr. Charles Lengel, summoned by police, found Mr. Potts had already died.

After the victim had been pronounced dead by Dr. Lengel, the case was reported to Dr. William T. Roussin, York county medical examiner, who ordered the body turned over to the Dennett and Craig undertaking concern.

Following investigation, Dr. Roussin pronounced death due to heart failure.

According to persons in the vicinity of the intersection of Washington and Jefferson streets at the time, Mr. Potts collapsed behind the wheel of his car as he was about to make a left turn into Jefferson from Washington street and he lost control of his vehicle and collided with the front end of a parked car on Jefferson street owned by Raymond Rousselle of 63 Jefferson street. He was unconscious when removed from his stalled machine.

Mr. Potts was a native of this city, the son of Thomas and Sarah (Harvey) Potts. After being educated in the local schools he entered the employ of the Saco-Lowell shops and learned the machinist's trade at which he has been employed for the past half century. He served as alderman from the Ward 1 precinct in the local city government for several terms during his younger career. He was an attendant of the South Biddeford Methodist church.

Besides his widow, Florence Potts, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Luther W. Piper, and a grandson, George F. Piper.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

May 19, 1946

Emmons-Maybury Wedding Held Saturday At Unitarian Church

Saco, May 18—Miss Esther Maybury, daughter of Mrs. Ruth D. Maybury of 2 Scammon Street, and Leavitt Emmons, son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold L. Emmons of 62 Spring Street, were married Saturday noon in the Second Parish Unitarian Church, Saco. The Rev. Ward R. Clark officiated. He was assisted by the Rev. Paul F. Bliss.

Mrs. Charles S. Anthony of Saco and Sumner Clark of Cape Elizabeth were the attendants. Richard B. Maybury, brother of the bride, gave her in marriage. Ushers were Willis T. Emmons, 2nd, and Harold L. Emmons, Jr., brothers of the bridegroom. A reception followed at the home of the bride's mother. After a wedding trip, the couple will reside in Saco.

Mrs. Emmons is a graduate of Thornton Academy and Farmington State Teachers College. Until recently, she has been employed as home service adviser by the Central Maine Power Company in Portland.

The bridegroom is also a graduate of Thornton Academy and he attended the University of Maine. He served in the Army Air Forces in the European and Pacific areas as a flight engineer. He is employed at the Kittery Navy Yard.

MARCH 22, 1946

Illness Fatal To Hilda Rowe, Saco

Hilda A. Rowe, 59, for 35 years a resident of Saco and widow of the late Fred Rowe, died early today after a long illness.

Mrs. Rowe had been active in social affairs and since the death of her husband several years ago had conducted the Fred Rowe Co. clothes store in Saco.

She was born in 1887 in Berlin, N. H., the daughter of August and Georgeine (Davidson) Hanson.

Four brothers, Eugene, Conrad and Gardiner Hanson, Berlin, N. H., and Walter W. Hanson, Saco, manager of the Rowe clothing store, survive.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Rowe home, 5 Beach street, Saco.

Friends may call at the home after 9:30 a. m. Monday.

JULY 1, 1946

Dig Up Some Wood Gas Main On Crescent St.

Excavation work by members of the crew of the Warren Roads Co. on Crescent street, in preparation for the laying of a base on which to apply a new top surface, has uncovered several short lengths of a section of wooden gas main still in service.

Officials of the Central Maine Power Co., in charge of the gas mains in the two cities today stated that they were unable to determine the age of the wooden sections which were about three feet beneath the surface at a point about opposite the home of Dr.



Jackson-White Photo

Mrs. Leavitt Emmons
(Esther Maybury)

David E. Dolloff.

In the opinion of a gas company foreman, the wooden mains, said to be in perfect condition, are the last of their type in either city.

Thorough inspection by workmen revealed that gas was flowing, uninterrupted, through the estimated 100 feet of old-fashioned wooden pipe. At some date in the future, the section will be "cut off" and new style metal pipe will replace it, it was stated.

MARCH 7, 1946

Carl C. Parcher, Bertha Manock, Wed In Capital

Couple To Make Home In Saco

Announcement was made today of the marriage of Miss Bertha L. Manock, formerly of Washington, D. C., and Carl C. Parcher, Saco, which took place February 26 at the Mt. Pleasant Congregational church in Washington.

Rev. Fred Buschmeyer officiated at the ceremony, and the couple was attended by the groom's father and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford P. Parcher, West Newton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Parcher will make their home at Bay View.



30 YEARS' SERVICE RECOGNIZED—Thirty years' service with the Central Maine Power Company was recognized Thursday when Eugene Hill (right), service superintendent at the local office, received his 30-year pin from Ralph W. Hawkes, divisional superintendent. Hill started work with the concern March 25, 1917 as an office boy serving one year. Then for 23 years he was assigned as a meter installation man until 1941 when he became credit manager. He was appointed to his present job in 1942. Hill attended Saco public schools and was graduated from Thornton Academy. In recent years he has been active in the Saco United Baptist Church.

By Staff Photographer

Lyndall W. Bowie Dies At Age Of 55

Lyndall W. Bowie, 55, for over 30 years employed in different power plants operated by the Cumberland County Power and Central Maine Power companies in the two cities, died suddenly at his home, Thornton hall, 331 Main street, Saco, Wednesday evening.

Mr. Bowie was born in North Conway, N. H., and had resided in Saco during the larger part of his life. During his leisure periods he assisted his wife, the former Inez Griffin of this city, in the operation of Thornton hall, which the couple have successfully conducted on Main street, Saco, for many years. He was an attendant of the School street Methodist church.

Besides his wife, Inez G. Bowie, he leaves a son, Lawrence Bowie, a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy F. Corney, and three grandchildren, all of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rites Wednesday For Miss Blanche Smith

Miss Blanche Hermoine Smith, 51, a native of Saco, author of several popular articles on diet used widely for educational purposes in many of the country's leading universities and hospital training schools, died in Pittsfield, Mass., Saturday following a lengthy illness.

She was the daughter of the late Jesse and Emina (Carrie) Hanson. She received her education in the Saco schools, Thornton academy and Nasson College, Springvale. Miss Smith held the distinction of establishing the first domestic course at Thornton academy and served as a member of the faculty of the school previous to accepting an appointment as head dietician at the Norwegian hospital in New York City. Later she was employed in a similar capacity at West Moreland hospital, Greensburg, Pa., and Glen Falls hospital Glen Falls, N. Y. Since 1924 she has been employed at the House of Mercy hospital, Pittsfield, Mass.

Many of her articles on diet are said to be widely used by many of the leading physicians and specialists of the country in diets prescribed for their patients.

Surviving relatives are her sister, Mrs. Harry O. Furber and a brother, Lewis M. Smith, both of Saco; two nieces, Mrs. Martha Baldwin, Norwalk, Conn.; and Miss Dorothy Furber, Saco and a nephew, Lawrence Smith of Ogunquit.

The remains are to be brought to Saco. Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home 35 Spring street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Woman Sits As Saco Justice

Miss Margaret Currie Serves In Interim



Miss Margaret Currie.

(Special Dispatch)

Saco, Sept. 8. — Miss Margaret Currie, recorder of the Saco municipal court, temporarily took over the court's judicial functions today in the absence of a formally appointed judge.

The term of Judge Clyfton Hawes expired last week and no successor has yet been named by Governor Horace A. Hildreth. Miss Currie automatically stepped in and heard the case of Justin Leighton of Kennebunkport, who pleaded innocent to a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. He was found guilty and fined \$100 and costs. Leighton paid.

Veteran lawyers said Miss Currie was the first woman to preside in

a York County municipal court, and perhaps in Maine. She was for many years associated with the law firm of the late John P. Deering.

Mrs. Bertha Powell, Former Saco Woman, Is Dead In Portland

Portland, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Bertha True Powell, 70, widow of Dr. Lester L. Powell, former Portland and Saco-Biddeford physician and surgeon, died this morning in her home, 484 Cumberland avenue, after an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Powell was born in New Gloucester June 13, 1877, daughter of John W. and Caroline Murdock True, and was graduated from Bates College in 1900. The next year she was principal of a school at Garland, Penobscot county, and then for a year taught in North Bennington, Vt. In 1902 she returned to New Gloucester to be secretary to her father in the management of his property and served as superintendent of schools there a year, 1905-06.

She was married to Dr. Powell Sept. 12, 1906, and they resided in Saco until 1920, when they moved here and Dr. Powell continued in practice until his death, Sept. 30, 1938, with the exception of his service overseas in the Medical Corps in World War I.

Mrs. Powell was a member of Immanuel Baptist church and active in its women's organizations. In Saco and in Portland she was identified with literary organizations, including the Willis Club of Portland of which she was president at the time of her death.

She was also a member of the board of managers of the Eunice Frye Home in this city.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Harry P. True, two brothers, Albert D. True and George W. True, all of New Gloucester, an adopted daughter, Mrs. Herbert Slack, Hampton, N. H., and several nieces and nephews.

Martha S. Stone Succumbs To Long Illness

Charter Member Of Eastern Star

Mrs. Martha S. Stone, 81, widow of Edward C. Stone, lifelong Biddeford resident and a former member of the public schools teaching staff of this city, died at a Saco hospital early today following a lengthy illness.

She was the daughter of Eben and Lucinda (Gordon) Simpson. She was educated in the public and high schools of the city. Mrs. Stone was a charter member and past matron of Adah chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star. She was one of the eldest members of the First Universalist church. For many years she was active as a worker and member of various ladies' organizations affiliated with the parish. She served as treasurer of the Biddeford High School Alumni association for many years during her younger life. She was a former member of the Thursday club of this city.

She is survived by an adopted son, George W. Martin, Jr., of this city.

Funeral services which will be strictly private will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is requested that flowers be omitted. Friends may call at the funeral home after noon Wednesday.

Rites Sunday For Everett Willson

Everett B. Willson, 52, lifelong Saco resident, son of the late Edward E. and Lunette (Libby) Willson, died suddenly at his home, 307 Main street, Saco, early today. He had been restricted to his home, owing to his invalid condition, most of his late life.

Born in Saco, he devoted much of his leisure time during his younger life to two of his favorite hobbies, photography and boating. He had a valuable library pertaining to photographic art and equipment and he formerly owned some of the most modern and fastest speed boats on the Saco river and along this section of the Atlantic coast. He was a summer resident at Hills Beach for many years.

Mr. Willson was a member of Saco Lodge, F. & A. M., and the Second Parish Unitarian church.

Surviving relatives are his brother, Dr. Paul L. Willson, Saco, and two nephews, Paul B. Willson, Saco, and Carl E. Willson, Framingham, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at his home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may call at the Willson home between 7 and 9 o'clock Saturday evening.

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Historic Relics Of Church On Exhibit At 185th Anniversary In Saco Today

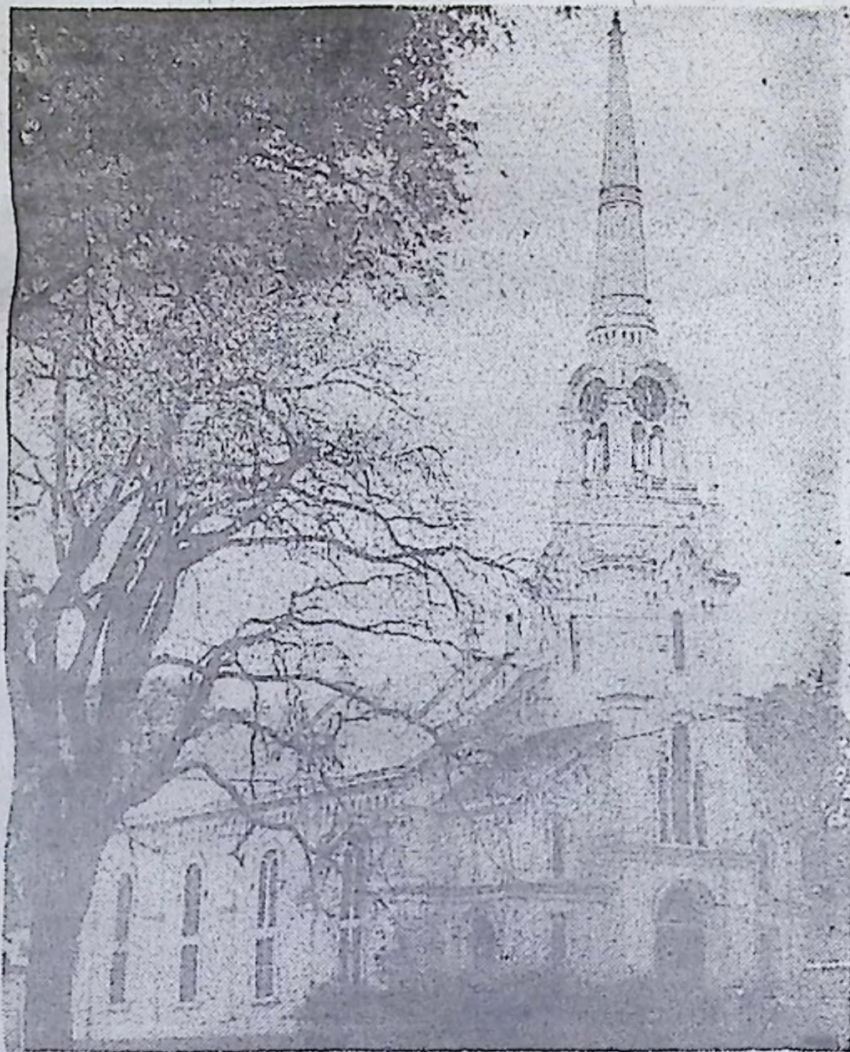


Photo by Sunday Telegram Staff Photographer
CHURCH OBSERVES ANNIVERSARY—185 years old this year, the First Parish Congregational Church of Saco today conducts special services in observance of its 185th anniversary.

Saco, Oct. 11.—Parishioners of the First Parish Congregational Church in Saco today will observe the 185th anniversary of its founding, with a special morning worship at which the historic relics of the Church will be exhibited.

The original Church, erected in 1762, was destroyed by fire in 1860, and the present structure, in which the observance will be held, was completed in 1863 and is rated as one of the most beautiful churches in New England.

The history of the Church parallels the history of the twin cities of Saco and Biddeford.

"On the 13th of October, 1762, a church was gathered in Pepperellborough, that being a day set apart by the inhabitants thereof as a day of fasting and prayer upon that solemn and important occasion." Thus reads the original record from the first entry in the history of Church. Saco originally comprised the territory on both sides of the Saco River, and was so known until June of 1718, when the name became Biddeford. The Eastern division, the present Saco, was set off as a new township by the Legislature of Massachusetts under the name of Pepperellborough, June 8, 1762. It was so designated until 1805, when the old and more convenient name, Saco, was restored.

In 1757 a House of Worship was completed in the new town, on what is now Pepperell Park near the site of the present Unitarian Church, known as the second Parish Church of Saco. Here on the October date five years later eleven men met to organize a church and to choose a pastor. The pastor chosen was Rev. John Fairfield, who served the church until 1798.

He had been invited in August of 1762, by the vote of the town, to become their minister, in response to the urgent instance of the Mass-

achusetts Legislature which imposed compulsory church attendance upon all citizens of the community. As was the custom the citizenry were taxed for the support of the church but actual church membership was conferred upon only a select few. During the first thirty-six years, or the entire ministry of Mr. Fairfield, only nine persons were deemed deserving of this honor and it is significant that not properly.

After more than a half century of service the imposing building caught fire July 3, 1860, and was completely destroyed. There was time to save many of the historic contents and the Parish House, at the rear of the church was saved through the presence of mind of the minister who directed volunteers to take up the church carpet and place it over the building and to keep it wet.

The present beautiful church building, one of New England's most beautiful churches, was completed three years later in 1863. It is now eighty-four years old and forms a unique and beautiful link with the past. The metal from the Paul Revere bell, which melted in the fire was preserved and later about four hundred pounds of it was cast into the new bell which still rings from the tower as well as striking the hour as indicated by the steeple clock. The rest of this metal was preserved for many years and in 1914 was cast into chimera for the new organ, a memorial gift to the church in memory of the faithful service of Charles Shannon, who was the organist for more than 50 years.

In 1805 a new church building was erected at the corner of Maine and Beach Streets, Saco, the site of the present church. The land was given to the town by direct deed from Sir William Pepperell for the express purpose of providing a site for a church, a burial ground, and "for no other purpose whatsoever." The church built upon this new site was designed to

house the town and was for many years the meeting place for the town both in civil and religious affairs.

The new church was admired as being the most attractive and most costly in the state. It was furnished with pews upon the main floor and in a three tier gallery which ran along the rear and both sides of the auditorium. The church was supported by the sale of these pews and all were assigned except the last two tiers in the gallery which were open to the public. Some families purchased a permanent or life pew for the sum of \$275 and deeds to these pews are still retained by the heirs. However when the church was set off as a separate parish in 1825 the custom of the sale of pews was abandoned and the church became a "Free Pew Church" although many families still sit, by choice, in the old family pew.

The interior of the church is rich with its Colonial chancel and picture windows. Seven lovely picture windows, depicting New Testament scenes adorn the sanctuary. Six of these are of Tiffany glass and the seventh installed a year ago is of rich Flemish glass being one of the last windows to be designed and executed by Mr. Charles Conick of Boston before his death last year. Prior to the year 1811 this was the only church in the town.

Twenty-four ministers have served the people of First Parish through the years. The present pastor is the Rev. Stanley A. Gould, who began his ministry in Saco in June, 1943.

JANUARY 25, 1947

MRS. EMMA ALLEN.

Funeral services for Mrs. Emma G. Allen, wife of Wilbur E. Allen, Middle street, were held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Included in the attendance was a delegation of members of the Fred S. Gurney Women's Relief Corps, who performed the ritualistic service of the order for departed members, and representatives of other organizations with which Mrs. Allen was affiliated.

Rev. Paul Barker, minister of the Saco United Baptist church, officiated.

Burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery. The bearers were Myron Savage, John Newell, Avon Wilcox and William Quinney.

AUGUST 23, 1947

Wilbur Allen Saco Suicide

Wilbur E. Allen, 79, retired, a lifelong Biddeford and Saco resident for many years active in local, county and state Sons of Union Veterans organizations, was found dead in his gas-filled kitchen at his home shortly before 4 o'clock Friday afternoon by his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leona Allen. In spite of the combined attempts of Dr. Sargent Jealous and a platoon of Saco fire department members headed by Fire Chief Arthur M. Emmons using a resuscitator outfit to revive him, their efforts proved unsuccessful.

Dr. Jealous told City Marshal Stanley E. Knox and Patrolman Raymond Kerry of the Saco police department, promptly upon the scene after being notified by relatives of Mr. Allen, he was of the belief the man had been dead for an hour and a half or more previous to being found unconscious by his daughter-in-law. According to relatives, Mr. Allen has displayed signs of being despondent on numerous occasions

since the death of his wife a year ago and due to his failing health.

Dr. William T. Roussin, of the city, who was called to make investigation, pronounced death due to asphyxiation through inhalation of gas fumes with suicidal intent. According to the investigating officers, Mr. Allen while alone in his home for a brief time early Friday afternoon opened all four jets of a nearby gas range, before seating himself in a rocker in front of the stove apparently with intent to end his life through inhalation of the poisonous fumes.

Mr. Allen was born in this city, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Allen. He was educated in the schools of this city. For over a half-century, previous to retiring several years ago, he was employed at the Garland Manufacturing Company's plant, Water street, Saco. He was a member of the Horace H. Burbank Camp, Sons of Union Veterans, and of the Saco United Baptist church and was active in both organizations for many years during his younger life.

Beside a son, Ralph H. Allen, and a daughter, Mrs. Elwin B. Hooper, he leaves a granddaughter and five grandchildren, all of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 25, 1947

Mrs. Orrie Dearborn Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Orrie Quimby Dearborn, 85, a lifelong resident of the city, and the widow of Lowell Dearborn, died Monday evening at a local hospital.

She was the daughter of Abigence and Harriet (Sne) Quimby and before entering the hospital lived at 305 Elm street.

She leaves no near relatives and was a member of the Unitarian church, Saco, and the Maine Writers Research club.

Mrs. Dearborn was at one time in charge of the Goodwill Industries store, Washington street, and proprietor of the Dearborn News Co.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

MAY 5, 1947

Byron H. Cleaves Dies At Age Of 77

Byron H. Cleaves, 77, a lifelong resident of Saco, died early this morning at a local hospital.

Born in Saco, the son of Horatio and Lydia Cleaves, he conducted a moving business in Saco for many years. He was a member of Saco Lodge, I. O. O. F., and drill master of Saco Rebekah Lodge for several years.

He leaves one nephew, Stanley Robert Cleaves, of Portland.

Funeral services will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

APRIL 4, 1946

Montrose Hill, Ex-Postmaster At Beach, Dies

Served Under 13 Presidents

Montrose E. Hill, 84, of 4 Portland avenue, Old Orchard Beach, well-known insurance broker and prominent resident of that town, who served as postmaster of the postoffice at Old Orchard Beach, from 1881 to 1917 and again from 1921 to 1935 under each president of the country from J. A. Garfield to President Harry Truman, died at a local hospital today.

It is not believed any other resident of the country ever possessed any record which equalled or surpassed that of Mr. Hill's for having held the office of postmaster under so many different presidents and for so long a period of time.

Mr. Hill was born in Bryant's Pond, June 18, 1861, the son of Lawson and Harriet N. (Whitman) Hill. He received his early education in the South Paris Oxford Normal and South Paris high schools. Later he attended Gray's Business college, Portland.

He came to Old Orchard Beach in 1881 and accepted a position as clerk in the post office of that town located in Varney block, a short distance from the present site of the Seagate hotel, when Rev. J. B. Merrill was postmaster. He received his first appointment as postmaster of that town, by President James Garfield, later in that year, six months prior to his attaining the age of 21.

He continued to serve and receive reappointments of that office from each succeeding president up to the second term of the late President Woodrow Wilson, when William Harmon, Democrat, was appointed to succeed him. Later he became postmaster again under President Warren Harding in 1921 and served in that office until the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, after serving for two years during his first term as president, appointed Lyman Abbott, Jr., Democrat, acting postmaster in 1935.

In addition to his duties of postmaster he was engaged in the insurance business and for a long period of time also operated a printing establishment at the beach. He continued his insurance business, which he founded in 1900, up to the time of his death being the senior member of the M. E. Hill Insurance company, Inc., having offices in that town on Old Orchard street.

During his younger life, Mr. Hill also served at various periods as a selectman, overseer of the poor, assessor, town clerk, town treasurer and in other elective and appointive town's offices. He was an active leader of the Republican in Southwestern Maine for many years, being personally acquainted during that period with many of the leading political candidates and G. O. P. organization leaders from various parts of the country who visited at Old Orchard Beach in the in-

terest of that political party.

He served as an active member of the Republican Town committee for many years and he took a deep interest in everyday current movements conducted in the interest of the youth of the community and development of the summer resort.

His principal hobbies in which he displayed much interest for many years was in collecting antiques and in postage stamps. He was the possessor of what is considered most rare and valuable collections of such types of articles.

He was a charter member of the Old Orchard Beach Methodist church and took an active interest in the affairs of the parish and various men's organizations affiliated with the church for over 60 years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of Orchard Lodge, F. & A. M., Atlantic Lodge of Odd Fellows, Huta Tribe, I. O. R. M., of Old Orchard Beach, a member of York Chapter and Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Saco, Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, this city, Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston, and Miniwanca Chapter, O. E. S., Old Orchard Beach.

He was married to Miss Lily I. Simons on April 20, 1886. She is his only close surviving relative.

Funeral services for Mr. Hill will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MAY 29, 1947

Retires In June



Prof. George Leatherbarrow

Leatherbarrow Will End Lengthy Teaching Career

Thirty Years At Thornton Academy

Prof. George E. Leatherbarrow, head of the science department of Thornton academy since 1917, will retire at the end of the current school year after 41 years of teaching in New England schools.

Professor Leatherbarrow, a na-

tive of Portland, attended Buxton High School, and was graduated from Bowdoin College in 1904. He served as principal of Milton Mills, N. H., High school, North Middleboro, Mass., High school, and Limerick academy before coming to Saco 30 years ago.

Agent for the John Hancock Life Insurance company for 30 years, he will now devote all his time with the concern.

The trustees of the academy held a farewell banquet Tuesday night at the school, in honor of his retirement, and William S. Linnell, president of the Board of Trustees, presented Professor Leatherbarrow with a gold watch in recognition of his service with the academy.

Mr. Linnell also presented Mrs. Leatherbarrow with a bouquet of American Beauty roses, and Headmaster Porter C. Greene presented the educator with a gold chain and pen knife in behalf of the faculty.

Trustees and faculty members attended the event, and the banquet was prepared and served by Mrs. Doris Bacheller and her home economics department.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1947

Rites In Saco For Alfaretta Benjamin

Mrs. Alfaretta C. Benjamin, 68, wife of Charles L. Benjamin, 26 Prospect street, Saco, and a life long resident of that town, died at a local hospital Sunday evening following a long illness.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of John and Ruth (Whitehead) Carpenter, and attended schools of that town. She was a member of the Saco United Baptist church.

Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Charles F. Moody, Saco; and Mrs. Donald Achorn, Wakefield, Mass.; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 at the Shumway funeral home, Spring street, Saco.

OCTOBER 21, 1947

Hans Nielson Dies; Ex-Saco Florist

Hans Johannes Nielson, 73, retired Saco florist, operator for many years of the greenhouses on Beach street, Saco, founded by the Mahoney brothers, died in Lyman Monday evening, where he has made his home for the past 10 years.

He was a native of Copenhagen, the son of Neils and Marie Petersen. He came to the United States when a young man. Previous to coming to Saco several years ago to make his home he was employed as a florist and operated a place of business of his own in Portland.

He was a member of Saco lodge, F. & A. M., York chapter, Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters, Bradford, K. T., Kora Temple Shrine, Annette chapter, No. 184, Order of Eastern Star, Saco Rebekah lodge, and Saco Grange. He was an attendant of the First Parish Congregational church.

He is survived by his son, Harry S. Nielson of Saco, proprietor of

the florist's business formerly operated by his father.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco where friends may call previous to funeral services to be held there, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 16, 1946

Now for information about Dalton the Button Man (as requested in this column last week): Mrs. Jessie Hill Lord of 110 Charles street, Boston, 14, Mass., who lived in Saco and Biddeford from 1876 to 1891, and can "remember my mother sending me to Mr. Dalton's on many an errand," states: "As I recall it, his store at that time was at the lower end of Main street, on the left hand side going towards Saco, and I thought was at the corner of Main and a small street or court running from Main towards the mills, which I believe was called Smith street. The store was triangular shaped with the front (the small leg of the triangle) joining the left hand side at a right angle. As you came in, Mr. Dalton and his display of buttons were on your left. He had a variety of buttons and your chances were very good that you could get buttons that were what you desired or could match any button you had. I cannot tell you anything in particular about Mr. Dalton, but it seems to me he was a small, slight, pleasant man. As I reminisce on this subject, I can see how when living in Saco and being sent to Mr. Dalton's, I walked down York hill, through the covered bridge over the Saco river, to the store. P. S. I might add Mr. Dalton's button store was a well established firm in Biddeford in 1876." On the margin of her letter, Mrs. Lord sketched with her pencil the shape of the building in which she recalls the Dalton store was located at that time.

MARCH 22, 1947

Anne Whitehurst Is Betrothed To Robert S. Ordway

Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Whitehurst, Westward Lane, Saco, are



Anne Whitehurst

D. F. Littlefield, 94, Oldest Living Bowdoin College Graduate, Dies

Saco Native Long Had Conducted Produce Business There

Special Dispatch to The Press Herald
Saco, Sept. 24—Daniel F. Littlefield, 94, oldest living graduate of Bowdoin College—a member of the class of 1864—and for many years engaged in the wholesale fruit and produce business in this city, died today in a Biddeford hospital following a short illness.

Mr. Littlefield was born in Saco, the son of Diamond and Lydia Townsend Littlefield and following his graduation from the old Saco Academy he entered Bowdoin. While a student in college he established his fruit and produce store, placing his father in charge. After being graduated from Bowdoin he had as a partner in business his brother, the late Walter S. Littlefield, and they enlarged it until they supplied dealers throughout York County. The brother passed the greater part of his time in Boston doing the buying. Subsequently they had extensive investments in the South.

In recent years the business has been conducted by two nephews of Mr. Littlefield.

Although Mr. Littlefield never had held political office, he took a great interest in public affairs. Until his last illness he had been very active.

Surviving are two nephews, Frank D. of Milton, Mass., and Walter B. of Brookline; a grand-nephew, Frank of Chicago, and two grand-nieces, Harriet F. of Chicago and Alma B., a member of the senior class at Vassar College.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home, 40 Beach Street, Sunday at 2.30 p. m.



Daniel F. Littlefield

ton academy, sang "Because, Love You Truly and Oh Promise Me. Colonial bouquets of purple flowers attached to ribboned pews completed floral decorations at the church. A half hour of organ music preceded the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white lace and net with a modified sweetheart neckline, fitted bodice, full skirt with long train, long, fitted sleeves and a scalloped lace peplum. Her finger tip net veil fell from a crown of seed pearls and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses, lilies-of-the-valley and stephanotis.

Her sister, Mrs. Frances E. Walker, Washington, D. C., was maid of honor, and wore a gown of lime-colored faille with cap sleeves and a draped skirt. An arrangement of Talisman roses adorned her hair, and she wore purple gloves. Her bouquet was of Talisman roses.

She was also attended by six bridesmaids, Miss Jean Menetrey, Oakville, Conn.; Miss Jane Lidell, Norwell, Mass.; Miss Sally Kimball, Wiscasset; her sister, Miss Priscilla Walker, Miss Barbara Marden and Miss Frances Rowell, all of Saco. They wore similar gowns of champagne faille, with off-the-shoulder, long, pointed sleeves, and bustle-draped-back skirt with slight trains. Their illusion veils of purple net were caught with orchid sweetpeas, and they wore purple chokers. All carried colonial bouquets of deep purple and orchid sweet peas with white lace ruff, tied with leaf green ribbon.

Ensign Herbert A. Graff, USN, Minneapolis, Minn., brother of the groom, attended him as best man, and ushers, all wearing Navy whites, were Lt. Joseph Riccio, USN, Bristol, R. I.; CPO William W. Hinkles, Washington,

MARCH 6, 1946

Illness Fatal To Marion Russell

Mrs. Marion P. Russell, 65, widow of Waldo E. Russell, Beach street, Saco, a resident of the two cities for 50 years, died at a rest home in her home community early this morning following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Melrose, Mass., the daughter of Thomas D. and Emma (Nutter) Proctor. She attended the Biddeford public and high schools. Previous to marriage she assisted her father, the late Thomas Proctor, in a secretarial capacity in the operation of the box shop and lumber mill which he operated on the site of the Biddeford Box plant on Main street for many years previous to disposing of the business. She was also a former member of literary and social organizations of the two cities.

She was active as a member and worker of the First Parish Congregational church of Saco and ladies organizations of the parish.

Her husband died several years ago.

She is survived by a nephew, Clifford Parcher, West Newton, Mass., two grand nieces and a cousin, Lloyd Herring, Needham, Mass.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 1.30.

FEBRUARY 13, 1947

Sketch Recalls Stealing Of John Johnson

Saco Boy Was Taken By Indians

A clipping from an aged copy of the Biddeford Journal, handed to a reporter, which refers to the reprinting from the Portland Sunday Telegram of a sketch, written by Chandler Briggs Allen, giving in some detail, the story of the stealing of John Johnson, a Saco boy, by the Indians, seems in these days of modern inventions like those of the late Thomas A. Edison and his contemporaries,

more or less-unbelievable to local youngsters who have not delved deeply into the early history of York county.

To those youngsters, the writer wishes to declare, however, that he, some 35 or more years ago, had the opportunity of reading "The Life of John W. Johnson, Who Was Stolen by the Indians When Three Years of Age, and Was Identified by His Father Twenty Years Afterwards," the lengthy title of the book, which according to historians, was originally penned in long-hand by Johnson, himself.

The book of 152 pages, in paper covers, was declaredly printed in Portland by Brown-Thurston in 1861.

Naturally, Johnson was too young when he disappeared to

have any recollection of how, and by whom, he was stolen. His first recollections are of being with the Indians, and his story makes up in terseness and vigor what it lacks in literary smoothness. From the preface, it seems that Mr. Johnson originally told his story by proxy, and it was thought necessary at the time to incorporate in the introduction the statements of the late Dr. Horace Bacon, who was the physician of the Johnson family in Saco when the child was stolen.

The statement of the late Charles C. Sawyer of Saco, who certified to the truth of the statement regarding the loss and the recognition of the child, and of the Rev. John Stevens, then pastor of the Cedar street church in Biddeford, who stated he was well acquainted with the family and had no doubt of the substantial truth of the narrative, were also included as a part of the introduction on the fly-leaves of the book.

It is now considered rather doubtful that any of the older residents of the two cities even would remember Johnson who lived at various times in the two communities, and was known at that time as "The Indian Doctor." In the latter part of the past century he often appeared in many parts of western Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts, practicing healing through the use of herb medicines, it is declared.

Johnson's wife was Susan Newell, a member of the Penobscot tribe of Indians, and she practiced the healing art. The date and place of the death of Johnson is not recorded in the book.

It is the recollection of the writer that the late Austin Chadbourne, Graham street, for many years employed as a driver by the now non-existent "Chapman Laundry," Springs Island, this city, a man deeply interested in early local history and folk lore, loaned a copy of this valuable book to him for careful perusal. As far as it can be ascertained through regular channels, there are now no other copies of the book in local circulation, and whereabouts of the Chadbourne-owned copy is, likewise, unknown.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1947

DANIEL SINCLAIR

Daniel Sinclair, 58, Saco printer and paperhanger and life resident of that city, died suddenly at his home, 28 Beach street, Tuesday evening. He had been in failing health for some time. When his condition permitted he continued to do his trade for part-time periods. He was the son of Daniel and Ellen (Cunningham) Sinclair and received his early education in the schools of that city. He was employed for various periods in the two cities for many years previous to coming in business for himself.

Besides his widow, the late Emma McKay, he leaves a son, John, of Saco, and a daughter, Mrs. Daniel Ready, of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Graff-Walker Nuptials Of Much Beauty

Ceremony At Saco Church

In a setting of candelabra flanked by baskets of white gladioli and purple larkspur, against a background of potted palms, Miss Doris Mae Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Walker, Foley avenue, Saco, became the bride of Lt. Charles Wesley Graff, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton C. Graff, North 24th street, Quincy, Ill., Saturday evening at 7.30 in the United Baptist church, Saco.

Rev. Paul Barker, pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony and Miss Ruth Olive Roberts, Saco, former music teacher of the bride, played the wedding marches. Mrs. Robert Hall, Saco, classmate of the bride at Thorn-

OCTOBER 5, 1946

Rites Monday For Dr. George Love, Ex-Saco Mayor

Veteran Physician In This Vicinity

Dr. George Rusk Love, 77, former Saco mayor and York county medical examiner and a practicing physician in Saco for 25 years, died Friday at a local hospital, following a long illness.

Born at Painfield, Ohio, January 21, 1869, the son of Joseph and Margaret (Rusk) Love, he was educated in public schools there and received his medical degree from Ohio State university. He was graduated with honors from Starling Medical college, Columbus, O., in 1897, and after a competition examination was appointed house surgeon at the Miami Valley hospital, Dayton, Ohio.

In 1898 he was appointed to the medical staff of the Toledo State hospital for the insane and served six years as chief of staff. He was later named superintendent of the same hospital, serving in that capacity until July 15, 1919, when he resigned and moved to Saco to take up general practice.

He served as York county medical examiner for several years, resigning a year ago because of ill health, and was twice elected president of the Wardwell home, Saco. He also served as treasurer of the Biddeford and Saco Country club.

A former mayor of Saco, he was a member of the Masonic lodge, F. and A. M., Chapter, Council, Knight Templars, Shriners, all of Toledo, a member of the Biddeford and Saco Rotary club, the American Medical association and the Maine society. He attended the Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Helen Deering Love; a son, George D. Love; two grandchildren, all of Saco; one brother, R. M. Love, Coshocton, Ohio, and three sisters Mrs. Annie Kirk, Mrs. Emily Roache and Mrs. Bessie Lewis, all of Ohio.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 from his home, 408 Main street, Saco.

DECEMBER 27, 1945

Marjorie Ross Becomes Bride Of Saco Naval Man

A wedding was quietly solemnized at Most Holy Trinity church rectory, Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock when Marjorie Gertrude Ross, daughter of Mrs. Anne E. Ross and the late

Roy V. Ross of 100 Middle street, Saco, became the bride of Wil-

liam Robert Johnston, M. M. 2-c, Seabees, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Johnston of 125 Middle street of the same city.

The bride was attired in a white brocaded silk gown designed in sweetheart neckline style, three-quarter length sleeves, a finger-tip veil arranged in royalty fashion, and carried a white pearl prayer book with an orchid and white ribbon streamers attached to its outer cover. She was given in marriage by her uncle, John R. Twomey, of this city.

Miss Jean Descoteaux, who served as maid of honor, wore an American Beauty crepe gown with matching headdress and carried a bouquet of white and amethyst chrysanthemums.

The bridegroom's best man was Basil Hodgdon of Waterville, Ph. M. 2-c, USN.

Witnessing the double ring service, performed by Rev. Francis McPartland, pastor of the church, were the mother of the bride and parents of the groom. Mrs. Ross wore a printed coral silk gown with a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. Johnston was attired in a tailored coral silk dress and wore a corsage of tea roses. Miss



Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnston

Mary Robbins, a cousin of the bridegroom, presided at the organ during the musical program.

Immediately after the ceremony the newlyweds were tendered a reception at the home of the bride's mother, attended by relatives and intimate friends. Assisting in receiving were members of the bridal party, the mother of the bride and the parents of the bridegroom.

A buffet luncheon was served during the afternoon. Those assisting in serving were Mrs. Alice Mogan, Mrs. Marion Dutton, Mrs. Bernice Alexander and the Misses Charlotte and Eleanor Mogan. A large wedding cake, decorated with small, white lighted candles, frosted miniature pink snapdragons and pale lavender chrysanthemums, was cut by the bride and distributed among the guests.

Following a honeymoon trip to an unannounced destination, Mrs. Johnston will make her residence after the first of the year at 100 Middle street during the absence of her husband in the armed forces.

Out-of-town residents attending the wedding were Mrs. Leslie Dutton, Old Orchard Beach, and Mrs. Lorenzo Emery, Bar Mills.

The bride is a graduate of the Saco schools and Thornton Academy and during the past three years has been employed as a member of the manager's staff at the Biddeford office of the Western Union Telegraph company in this city.

M. M. 2-c Johnston is a graduate of the Saco schools and Thornton Academy and previous

to joining the armed forces was employed at the Saco-Lowell apprentice school in this city. He is now on leave and will return to his duties the middle of the coming month.

FEBRUARY 21, 1947

Mrs. Jennie Roberts Dies In Bay State

Mrs. Jennie G. Roberts, widow of Willis Roberts, a former resident of North street, Saco, died Thursday evening at Everett, Mass.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of Joseph L. and Charlotte (Googins) Hobson.

Funeral services will take place Monday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig Funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

APRIL 12, 1946

Edmund Curtis Returning To Revenue Dept.

To Have Charge Of
Area Office Here



Edmund J. Curtis

AUGUST 5, 1946

Mrs. Donald Small Dies At Kennebunk

Mrs. Flora Milliken Small, 94 Main street, Kennebunk, wife of Dr. Donald M. Small, died early today after a long illness.

Mrs. Small, a graduate of Thornton academy in the class of 1906, was prominent in the civic affairs of Kennebunk. She was a member of the Afternoon Alliance of the Unitarian church.

The daughter of the late Albert and Etta Milliken, Saco, Mrs. Small is survived by her husband; a daughter, Patricia, and two aunts, Mrs. George Kilpatrick, Providence, R. I., and Mrs. Robert Davies, Los Gatos, Cal.

The funeral will be held Thursday.

JUNE 5, 1946

Lawrence Parcher Dies At Age Of 54

Lawrence B. Parcher 54, who had been employed in the transportation department of the Biddeford Auto Parts during the past year, a former resident of Old Orchard Beach, died suddenly at his home, 16 Maple street, today.

Mr. Parcher, better known as "Larry", was born here, the son of the late Samuel and Nellie (Jones) Parcher. He was educated in the schools of this city and spent much of his early life here previous to accepting a travelling salesman position with a nationally known silverware company. He returned to Maine several years ago and after accepting a position as a driver of one of the fleet of buses operated by Claude R. Willis between the two cities, Old Orchard Beach and the South Portland shipyard, he took up his residence at the Beach. He had resided in this city during the past year. He had been employed at the Biddeford Auto Parts for the past two years.

Besides his wife, Arlene B. Parcher, he leaves two step-sons, Allen and Clifford N. Tozier, of this city; a brother, Harold Parcher, West Brookfield, Mass.; and a sister, Mrs. Nicholas Gibbon, Lakeview, N. C.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2.

JULY 16, 1947

Chas. V. Tanner Succumbs To Heart Attack

Charles V. Tanner, Sr., 65, for nearly 50 years engaged in the operation of a summer hotel place of business at Fortunes Rocks, died suddenly at his home in Tanner Inn this morning. Death is believed to have resulted from a heart attack. Mr. Tanner, according to family members, arose at his usual hour this morning and was engaged in supervising the affairs of his hostelry when stricken ill.

He was a native and life long resident of this city, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Casper Tanner. He received his education in the Biddeford schools. In addition to the Tannerseau, Curtis Farm, New Rocks and Tanner Inn hostelrys which were operated under his personal management at different periods of his nearly half-century career as a hotel operator, he also engaged in farming.

He was a member of various Masonic organizations of the two cities.

Besides his wife, Mayde Tanner, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. George Emery Hutchins, a son, Charles V. Tanner, Jr., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at Tanner Inn at Fortunes Rocks Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

JULY 28, 1947

Rites Tuesday For Saco Doctor

**Dr. Paul Hill, Sr.,
Veteran Physician**

Dr. Paul Stanley Hill, Sr., 66, of 398 Main street, Saco, lifelong resident of the two cities, and a member of the U. S. Medical Corps stationed overseas during World War One, one of southern Maine's best known physicians and surgeons, died suddenly at his summer home at Biddeford Pool shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Death was attributed to a heart ailment. He was a visitor in the business district of the city Saturday forenoon.

In spite of his failing health in late years he had continued his medical practice while exercising due care to avoid over exertion in an effort to render all possible aid to those in need of his services either through treatment or delicate operations and while assisting other members of the medical profession seeking his assistance in an advisory capacity.

Biddeford Native

He was born in this city, May 3, 1881, the son of the late Dr. Hamton E. and Myra E. (Nutter) Hill. He was graduated from Thornton academy in 1897 and from Bowdoin college in the class of 1901 with a degree of A. B. At each school he was an outstanding player of the varsity gridiron team. While attending the Brunswick college he was employed during the summer recesses as a motorman of the Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach trolley line. After graduating from Bowdoin he pursued medical courses fitting him for an M. D. degree at George Washington university, Washington, D. C., and Johns Hopkins Medical school. Returning to Biddeford in 1906, he became associated in starting his career as a physician and surgeon with the late Dr. Willis H. Hurd.

Shortly after the outbreak of World War One, Dr. Hill enlisted and with an appointment of a major in the U. S. Medical Corps was assigned for overseas duty. For a long period during that conflict with Germany, he was stationed at the Princess Royal hospital for officers at Brighton, England. It was during this assignment at this institution that his skill as a surgeon attracted much attention from his superiors and older doctors, and he received many citations and commendations both from high ranking officials of the British government and of his native country for his meritorious services to the ill and wounded.

Purchases Hospital

At the close of the war he returned to Saco and renewed his practice here as a physician and surgeon. In 1923 he became part owner of the Trull hospital when he became associated in operating that institution with Dr. Laura Stickney of Saco, who held the other half of the controlling interest. The two have continued to conduct the local hospital up to the time of Dr. Hill's death. In

addition to serving as head surgeon of the hospital he was a consulting surgeon of the Webber hospital.

He established a reputation during his medical career of being one of Maine's leading physicians and surgeons. His services were often sought as a consultant expert by many surgeons and physicians in this part of the state in delicate operations and in baffling cases of illness.

He was a member of the York County Medical society; the Maine and National Medical associations; Owen - Davis post, American Legion; various branches of the Masons, and a former member of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club. He was also a member of Delta Upsilon and Phi Chi fraternities. He was a Republican in politics.

Besides his widow, the former Alice M. Lloyd of Mount Vernon, N. Y., who he married here in 1927, he leaves his son, Dr. Paul Stanley Hill, Jr., of Saco, and two nephews, Hampton and George Hill, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Funeral services will be held from his late home, 398 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 28, 1946

Rites Wednesday For E. L. Preble

Funeral services for Edward L. Preble, former Saco businessman, who died Sunday at the home of his niece, Mrs. Beulah Fairburn, Lowell, Mass., were held yesterday afternoon in that city.

Mr. Preble operated a fruit and confectionary store on Main street, Saco, for many years.

He is survived by his niece; a son, Leslie K. Preble, and a grandson, Donald Preble, both of Richmond, Va.

He was a Mason and a member of the Odd Fellows.

Rev. Simeon E. Cozad, pastor of All Souls church, Lowell, officiated at the funeral services.

The body was entombed to await interment in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco.

MAY 13, 1946

EVERETT M. WATERHOUSE.

Funeral services for Everett M. Waterhouse of the Ross road, Saco, a resident of that city for the past 40 years, former operator of the Waterhouse Detective Agency in Portland, who died at a Saco hospital Saturday, were held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Maurice Venno, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, was the officiating clergyman. Burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

A native of Portland, the son of the late Winfield S. and Elizabeth (Cole) Waterhouse, he was educated in the schools of that city. For many years he was prominent in southwestern Maine musical circles as a soloist. He operated a detective agency in Saco and Portland for many years before retiring because of failing health. In recent years he has engaged in farming.

He is survived by his wife, Mary A. Waterhouse, and a son, Everett Cole Waterhouse, USA, now stationed in Germany.

MARCH 6, 1947

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Saco Boy Wins Scholarship At Bowdoin College

**Robert Biggar
Given Award**

Robert W. Biggar, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biggar, 75 Middle street, Saco, has been awarded the Kling scholarship for the spring trimester at Bowdoin College, Brunswick.

The award, made from the fund established by the late Charles Potter Kling of Augusta, is given "to provide free tuition and books to needy and worthy male students of colonial or revolutionary ancestry."

Biggar, a graduate of Thornton Academy in the class of 1945, was president of the senior class there.



Robert W. Biggar, Jr., editor of the senior publication, The Tripod, and vice president of the Student Council. He was also academy correspondent for the Journal.



Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hill, York, marked 40th anniversary. "BATES" JUNE 1948.

DECEMBER 15, 1947

Illness Fatal To George G. Rhodes

George G. Rhodes, 72, one of the city's best known retired sales and livery stable operators and a former driver of horse-drawn vehicles of the Biddeford fire department, died at his home, 79 Graham street, Sunday afternoon after brief illness. In recent years Mr. Rhodes had been employed as an elevator operator in the Pepperell mills. He had resided here for over 50 years.

Mr. Rhodes was a native of Worcester, Mass., the son of the late George and Harriet (Giles) Rhodes. He came to this city at an early age and was educated in the schools of this city. During his younger life and for a long period of years he operated a sales and livery stable on Washington street at the present site of one section of the Biddeford

postoffice lot. He was known as an expert handler of horses and a trainer of those used for racing.

After retiring from the stable enterprise, he was appointed a member of the permanent fireman's staff of the local department and assigned as driver of the horse-drawn hook and ladder truck. When the apparatus was replaced by a motor-operated aerial ladder truck he was transferred to the position of driver of the Engine 3 apparatus of the department. He was an attendant of the First Universalist church.

Surviving relatives are his wife, the former Harriet Giles Lyman, who served as city missionary for many years; a son, Carl, and a grandson, all of the city; a brother, Benjamin, and a niece, both of Lyman.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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DECEMBER 10, 1947

Milton Atkinson Dies; Retired Saco Merchant

Was Active In Twin-City Affairs

Milton S. Atkinson, 74, one of the best known retired business men of the two cities, an active member of Masonic, social, service and church organizations of the two cities, died at a Portland hospital Tuesday evening where he had been a patient for six weeks.

Mr. Atkinson was a native of Sackville, N. B., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Atkinson. He came to this city with relatives at the age of 13 and had been a resident of the two cities ever since.

After completing his education in the schools of this city he entered the employ of his father, who was one of the pioneer dealers in home furnishings of the city.

After the death of his father in 1921, Mr. Atkinson, with his brother, the late Carlyle P. Atkinson, with the assistance of three of their sisters, took over the Biddeford and Saco stores operated by the concern under the name of H. P. Atkinson and Sons, Inc. The places were operated until August, 1941, when members of the Atkinson family retired after disposing of the stores to George Butler.

Never Sought Office

While Mr. Atkinson was often approached to accept the nomination for mayor and other political offices since residing in Saco, he always refused. He never aspired to become a political office holder. For 22 years up to the time of death he served as treasurer of the Biddeford-Saco chapter of the York County Fish and Game association. He often assisted in campaigns in the two cities to raise funds for World War One and Two, Red Cross, Boy Scouts and other organizations.

He was a member of Dunlap lodge, F. & A. M., York chapter, R. & S. M., Maine Council Bradford Commander, Knights Templar, a 32nd degree Mason, Kora Temple Shrine, Biddeford and Saco Rotary club, Biddeford-Saco chapter, York County Fish and Game association, First Congregational church Saco, and other organizations.

Besides his wife, the former Helen Mitchell, he leaves three daughters, the Misses Mary, Jane and Nancy Atkinson; four sisters, the Misses Gertrude B., Violet A., and Beatrice, all of Saco, and Mrs. Ernest L. Harmon, of this city, one nephew, a niece and two grand nephews.

Funeral services which will be strictly private will be held from his home, 156 North street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may call at the Dennett and Craig funeral home to pay their respects Thursday afternoon and evening.

December 13, 1946

Biddeford Physician Honored By Legion



Dr. David E. Dolloff

Biddeford, Dec. 12.—Dr. David E. Dolloff, who abandoned retirement plans to serve on the home front during the recent war, was presented life membership in the American Legion at ceremonies at Phillip Tighe Post tonight. A special citation from the Legion for his services to veterans was read.

Dr. Dolloff, who served with distinction in World War I, was one of the first commanders of Tighe Post and aided in the organizations days of the Legion in Maine. During World War II he was an examining doctor for the Selective Service board and was untiring in his work for servicemen and their families. Following the war he became active in aiding the returning men who were disabled.

Wilfred Turmelie was chairman of the committee in charge of the program, selected by Commander Henry Vachon.

Also honored at the ceremonies were Harold Alexander, 25 years continuous service in the Legion; and George Vilandry, 20 years service.

APRIL 26, 1948

Illness Fatal To Ernest W. Doyle

Ernest Warren Doyle, 77, of 359 Main street, a former representative to the Maine legislature, who during his younger life served as a patrolman of the local police department for several years, died at a local hospital Saturday evening after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Doyle was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Doyle of this city. He was educated in the local schools. During his younger life he was prominent in local baseball circles and served as manager of the Biddeford semipro and Diamond Match company teams of this city. He also served as manager of other baseball nines in the two cities at other periods. In late years he was employed in the Biddeford street department.

Surviving relatives are his wife, the former Margaret Proulx; two daughters, Mrs. Eula Pullyard of this city and Mrs. Dorothy Bettez of Westbrook; a son, Elwood Doyle, Old Orchard Beach; a brother, Fred W. Doyle, of this city; a sister, Mrs. Velma McCausland, Pittsfield, and a grandson.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call previous to funeral services to be held there Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

FEBRUARY 1, 1947

Arthur Newcomb, Biddeford Native, Dies In South

Arthur S. Newcomb, 72, a native and resident of this city for over 40 years, previous to taking up his residence in Southern Pines, N. C., about 30 years ago, died suddenly at his home in that city Friday.

Mr. Newcomb was the son of the late Simon and Mary (Parcher) Newcomb. He was educated in the local public and high school and was prominent in athletics while a student at Biddeford High.

His father was one of the pioneer shoe shop operators in this city, having a place of business on South street in a building adjoining the City building lot.

After leaving here to make his home in Southern Pines he engaged in a real estate and insurance brokerage business. His wife, the former Frances Phippen, died several years ago.

He is survived by a sister, Miss Angie P. Newcomb, Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services are to be held in Southern Pines Monday afternoon. The body will be cremated.

JUNE 11, 1948

John C. H. Emerson, Local Horseman, Dies; Funeral On Sunday

John C. H. Emerson, a native and lifelong resident of this city, widely known in southwestern Maine light harness racing circles in late years as a driver and owner of different racing horses, died suddenly at his home Thursday evening after a brief illness. He was stricken ill shortly after arising Thursday morning and failed to rally from the attack suffered.

He was the son of the late Washburn T. and Olive (Feldar) Emerson. He was educated in the local rural and public schools. He was a great lover of horses and dogs. In addition to training and driving different horses which he purchased for racing purposes, he also acted as a trainer for different owners of other racing stables.

He served at other times as caretaker for different estates here and at Biddeford Pool for many years. He was an attendant of the Foss street Methodist church.

Surviving relatives are his widow, the former Christina Landmark, a daughter, Mrs. Walter Emerson of this city, three brothers, Nathaniel T. Washburn Emerson, this city, Harry Emerson, Old Orchard Beach; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Staples, Saco, Mrs. Susan Whitten and Mrs. John W. Staples of this city, and a grandson.

The remains are at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call after 3 p. m. Saturday. Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DECEMBER 26, 1947

A. H. Milliken, Retired Newsman, Is Dead At 80

Local Reporter For 50 Years

Albert H. Milliken, 80, dean of retired York county newspapermen, and widely known in newspaper and news services throughout New England for his long service as a reporter and correspondent for daily and weekly periodicals, died at his home 111 Elm street, Saco, Christmas eve. He had been in failing health since retiring from newspaper work in June, 1940, after over 50 years service.

Mr. Milliken was a native and lifelong Saco resident, the son of Parley Pratt and Ellen (Fogg) Milliken. He attended the Saco public school. During his younger life, he served as a railroad telegrapher in the employ of the Boston and Maine railroad company previous to accepting a position with the former Biddeford Record. After serving as a reporter and wire service phone operator for that paper for many years, he became associated with the Biddeford Journal. He served as Saco reporter and Associated Press wire editor in this area. In addition he served for over 50 years as district correspondent for the Boston Globe and as an area representative for other newspapers and magazines.

He was one of the oldest members of Saco lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., and was an attendant of the School Methodist church.

Besides his wife, the former Mae Gould, he leaves a son, Clinton G. Milliken, two grandchildren, Gilman and Elizabeth Milliken and a sister, Miss Margaret Milliken all of Saco, and several cousins.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call previous to funeral services to be held there Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JUNE 16, 1948

Mrs. Leonard Davis Dies At Saco Home

Mrs. Elsie E. Davis, wife of Leonard Davis, a lifelong resident of Saco, died at her home, 49 Cleveland street, Tuesday night, following a long illness.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of George W. and Agnes (Johnston) Emery, and was educated in Saco schools. She was prominent in the Educational and Industrial Union and was a member of the Trinity Episcopal church.

She leaves her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Karl L. Braley, Saco; two brothers, Arthur L. Emery, Knoxville, Tenn., and Raymond G., Greenville, S. C., and several nieces and nephews.

The body is at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, and friends may call after 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 at the same place.



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JUNE 28, 1943

Rites Tuesday At Kennebunk For Local Attorney

Homer Waterhouse Dies Suddenly

Funeral services for Attorney Homer T. Waterhouse, 75, senior member of the law firm of Waterhouse, Spencer and Carroll, this



Homer T. Waterhouse

city, who died suddenly Saturday afternoon at his home, Portland street, Kennebunk, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Parsih Unitarian church, Kennebunk. Interment will be in Hope cemetery there.

He was born at Kennebunkport, the son of J. Taylor and Rebecca (Tarbox) Waterhouse and had resided in Kennebunk for the past 60 years.

He graduated from Colby College in the class of 1895, receiving an A. B. degree, and was admitted to the State of Maine Bar in 1897. He had practiced law here ever since.

From 1913 to 1916 he was representative from Kennebunk and Kennebunkport to the state legislature and was a member of the Governor's council in 1927 and 1928. He was a 32nd degree Mason, and belonged to Kora Temple, Mystic Shrine; a member of the Republican party; member of the Unitarian church at Kennebunk.

Among business activities he was chairman of the Board of Directors, First National Bank, this city, from 1926 until his death; president of the same bank from 1926 until January 1, 1948; director of the Central Maine Power Company; director of the Cumberland County Power and Light Company until it merged with the Central Maine Power Company; president of the York County Bar Association; trustee of St. Peters By-the-Sea, Protestant Episcopal church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Bessie M. Harmon of Saco, whom he married October 18, 1911; three children, Mrs. Lois

W. Kinney, Belmont, Mass.; Homer, Kennebunk; and Dr. Christine, Rochester, N. Y., a sister, Mrs. Genevieve Spencer, Kennebunkport; a half-brother, Hiram, Brookline, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

JUNE 28, 1948

Leon M. Ayer Dead In Cornish

Leon M. Ayer, 66, a former State legislator a brother of the late Judge of Probate Harry B. Ayer and a frequent visitor here, died Sunday in Cornish.

Ayer was chairman of the Cornish Republican committee and a member of the York county committee. He was secretary of the Cornish Fair association and active with the fair work for several years.

He leaves his son, Raymond, principal of Cornish High School, a daughter, Mrs. Sidney Frost of Kezar Falls, and a brother Frank P. Ayer of Bangor.

DECEMBER 29, 1947

Herbert A. Tarr, Ex-York Official, Dies Suddenly

Herbert Albert Tarr, 82, retired paymaster at the York mills in Saco for many years and a resident of this city practically all his life, died suddenly at his home, 242 South street, Sunday afternoon. He was the father of the late Philip F. Tarr, employed as a reporter for the Journal for many years, who recently died.

Mr. Tarr was a native of Kennebunk, the son of the late James F. and Adelia (Emery) Tarr. He came to this city at an early age and resided here since that time. After being employed at the York Manufacturing company in Saco as paymaster, he retired about 20 years ago.

He was one of the two cities' best known philatelists and devoted much of his time in the latter part of his life to purchasing stamps for his collection. One of his outstanding hobbies was gardening. He was a member of Dunlap lodge of Masons and was affiliated with other local Masonic bodies during his younger life.

He is survived by a son, Earl-cott E. Tarr of Portland, a brother, Roderick D. Tarr, and a niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Tarr Benton of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 main street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2.

JULY, 19, 1948

Armand F. Fecteau and Lucia M. Fecteau have bought lot 40 at Hills Beach owned by Arthur W. Andrews and plan to build a cottage.

John Fecteau, this city, has purchased lots 57-58 on Main road, Hills Beach, owned by Arthur W. Andrews, and plans to construct a cottage.

Donia R. Boltsvert, this city, has purchased lot 16 at Hills Beach on the shore front owned by Mr. Andrews and also plans to build a cottage.

JULY 28, 1948

Sale Of Lots At Hills Beach Seen Expansion Trend

Buyers Plan New Cottages

A landslide sale of lots at Hills Beach indicates that a building boom may soon get under way at the summer resort. The King Woodman real estate office, which last week announced the sale of a large number of lots of land there, reported several more transfers today.

In all cases at Hills Beach, all the land sold was owned by Arthur W. Andrews, and the new owners and their lots follow: Roland and Blanche Collard, this city, lot 41; Andre E. Paquette and Laura J. Paquette, this city, lots 43 and 45; Henry Houde and Bernadette Houde, Saco, lot 44; Edgar L. Baillargeon and Blanche Baillargeon, this city, lots 19 and 21.

All plan to build cottages at the resort.

Archie R. King and Rose A. King, Saco, have purchased the two family dwelling and land, owned by Ilo M. Johnston, at 17 Thornton avenue, Saco.

JULY 2, 1948

PURCHASE LAND

Paul G. Moulton and Olive W. Moulton, of Hollis Center have purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman lot No. 52, on the shore front, at Hills Beach, owned by Arthur W. Andrews. Mr. Moulton and family have purchased for a cottage site.

JUNE 25, 1948

Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Almon H. Hill

Mrs. Ethel Getchell Hill, 67, a resident here for 30 years, died at a local hospital early this morning. She was the widow of Almon H. Hill.

She was born in Kennebunk the daughter of John and Mary (Abbott) Getchell and before getting married was a schoolteacher. She was a member of the Second Parish Congregational church, this city; a member, past matron, and former secretary of Adah Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, this city; Rebecca Emery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Herbert R. Emmons, this city; two step daughters, Mrs. Charles R. Foresman, this city and Mrs. Ralph B. Grace, Everett, Mass.; 1 sister, Mrs. Robert Jordan, this city; and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett and Craig Funeral home.

JULY 13, 1948

PRIEST BUYS LAND

Rev. Raoul A. Fecteau, of this city and Montreal, has purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, a shore front lot, owned by Arthur W. Andrews, located at Hills Beach. Rev. Father Fecteau has purchased for a cottage site.

LAND PURCHASED

Joseph Bisson, of this city, has purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, a shore front lot, owned by Arthur W. Andrews, located at Hills Beach. Mr. Bisson has purchased for a cottage site.

AUGUST 5, 1948

BUYS HOME SITE

Joseph C. Robichaud, Old Orchard Beach, has purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, lot 46, owned by Arthur W. Andrews on the main road at Hills Beach. Mr. Robichaud has purchased for a home site.

FEBRUARY 17, 1948

Charles Strout Former Florist Dies In Portland

Charles S. Strout, 88, founder of Strouts', Inc., a former well known florist concern of this city, and president of that company for many years, principal of the Summer street grammar school located on the present site of the Emery school, for a long time during his younger career, died early today in Portland where he had resided for three years.

During his active career as an operator of local greenhouses he attained the distinction of being one of the country's leading carnation growers. The various kinds of blooms grown here and exhibited at leading flower shows throughout this country and abroad almost invariably captured first prizes. Carnations grown by the local concern were regularly forwarded to many of the larger florists in this country and Canada.

He was also a noted educator. Mr. Strout was known as one of the two cities' leading veteran golfers for many years and participated in many tournaments staged in Maine and at Southern Pines, N. C., where he spent annual vacations for many years during the winter months. He was a great lover of dogs. His outstanding hobbies were hunting and fishing.

He was a native of Lewiston the son of the late Rev. S. F. and Nancy Moores Strout. After residing here, he was active in Saco and Biddeford Rotary clubs and in fraternal organizations. His wife, Mrs. Edith P. Strout died in 1931. He was a member of the White church of this city.

Surviving relatives are two nephews, George H. Moore, Portland; Richard L. Strout, Washington, D. C., and Dr. A. L. Strout, Lubbock, Texas.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 main street, Saco, where funeral services will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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MAY 24, 1948

PURCHASE LAND

Joseph Tatone and Mary Tatone, this city, have purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, two lots of land owned by Arthur W. Andrews at Hills Beach. Mr. Tatone and family plan to build a cottage later.

APRIL 26, 1948

Rites Wednesday For Mrs. Frank Bond, 87

Mrs. Hortense W. Bond, 87, widow of Frank Bond for many years engaged in a custom tailoring business here, a lifelong resident of the two cities, died at her home, 44 West street, Sunday evening, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bond was a native of Saco, the daughter of Warren and Myra (Seavey) Bryant. During her early married life, Mr. and Mrs. Bond and family were members of the summer colony at Fortunes Rocks section.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Marion B. Genthner, she leaves three sisters, Mrs. John H. Hieserick of this city, Mrs. Mildred D. Smith, Reading, Mass., Mrs. J. Edward Libby, Saco; a grandson, Paul B. Genthner, and two grandchildren, Paula Dianne and Laurie Ann Genthner, of this city.

The body is at the W. A. Cosgrove funeral home, 326 Elm street.

Funeral services will be held there Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JANUARY 26, 1948

In 1908 a jovial Scotch-Irishman journeyed from Glasgow, Scotland, to Saco, Maine, to join his brother in the bakery business and try his luck in the land of opportunity. With him came his wife, Susan, and daughter, Helen. On December 22, 1915, Samuel Gillespie, Sr., became a naturalized American citizen. Some two years later, April 2, 1917, Mr. Gillespie was employed by Saco-Lowell Shops. Today, after thirty years, he can still be found in the Tin Shop doing his work in his usual manner of high efficiency.

The Gillespie family was blessed with two more children, Samuel, Jr., and William. Both boys attended Saco grammar schools and Thornton academy. Young Sam went on further to attend Sanborn academy N. H.

In 1930, Sam entered the Apprentice Course as a machinist apprentice. Upon the completion of the machinist course he went on to a post graduate course in erecting from which he graduated October 10, 1934.

From 1934 to 1939 Sam traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada erecting Saco-Lowell machinery. He also did foreign work for the shop in Belgium, Germany, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Italy and Yugoslavia.

Shortly before the war broke out in Europe, Sam returned to Biddeford and was assigned as a general inspector in Department 21 and later as night supervisor. When the shop started on defense work, he was transferred to Department 114 as an assistant fore-

man and later made foreman. His rapid succession Sam went on to become general foreman of textiles in post war planning, general foreman of Biddeford and Saco erecting, and the assistant superintendent of Biddeford. On September 12, 1947, Sam Gillespie was promoted to superintendent of Biddeford, which position he holds at the present time.

Sam's brother and sister, also worked in the shop. William received his training and worked as a toolmaker for about six years, after which he left to accept a position in the Watertown Arsenal. His sister has been working in the Accounting Department since 1942.

Saco-Lowell is proud of their faithful service and excellent records of achievement.

DECEMBER 22, 1947

Arthur Andrews Sells Hills Beach Property

Urban and Laurette Bolduc of this city, have purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, the cottage and a parcel of land, owned by Arthur W. Andrews at Hills Beach.

Recollections Of Maine's Past

(This is the third in a series of pictorial reminiscences of Maine cities and towns, emphasizing the changes that have taken place at familiar sites through the decades.—Ed.)



Saco in the early 1890's, looking down Main Street from Storer Street. On the left side of the street there are now modern-front drug and grocery stores and a theater. The Undertakers have moved into the suburban area.

Family Of The Month



The Gillespies, one of many family teams with several years of service at Saco-Lowell. Left to right, Samuel Gillespie, Sr., daughter, Helen, and son, Samuel Gillespie, Jr.

FEBRUARY 9, 1948

Former Postal Worker Here Dies In Foxboro

Service At York For W. H. Bryant

Funeral services for William H. Bryant, 84, of Foxboro, Mass., were held at the Roger K. Lucas funeral home at York Village on Monday afternoon. Rev. Russell L. Wallace, pastor of the Ogunquit Baptist church, officiated. The body will be entombed until spring when interment will be in Greenwood cemetery in this city.

Mr. Bryant died Friday evening following a long illness at his home in Foxboro, Mass. He was born on April 19, 1864, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Orville D. Bryant. He spent the greater part of his early life in this city and was at one time a postal clerk under Postmaster Jere Shaw. He was very active in all types of entertainments, especially plays and musical circles as he had a very fine voice. He was prominent in minstrels of York County Wheelmen's club, and in plays with the old Universalist Dramatic club of this city.

He is survived by 10 grandchildren: Mrs. Joseph Houston of Wells, Wilbur Bryant of Ogunquit, Mrs. Clarence Avery of York, Donald Bryant of Kennebunkport, William Bryant of Portland, Gordon Brewster, Jr., Barbara Brewster and James Brewster of Ogunquit, Owen Bryant and Kenneth Bryant of Wrentham, Mass., and 14 great-grandchildren.

JUNE 11, 1948

Mrs. Laura Parcher Dies In Portland

Mrs. Laura E. A. Parcher, widow of Sumner C. Parcher, a former cashier of the York National bank and former president of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, Saco, a former resident of that city, died in a Portland hospital Thursday following a lengthy illness. Previous to taking up residence at a Portland hostelry she resided at 425 Main street, Saco, for a long period of years.

Mrs. Parcher was born in Alfred, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Amos L. Allen. Much of her early life was spent in that town. Her father, who served as secretary to the late Congressman Thomas B. Reed, later succeeded Mr. Reed as U. S. representative from the First Maine Congressional District. While a resident of Saco, Mrs. Parcher was a member of many of the leading women's literary, social, church and charitable organizations of the two cities.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. Edwin H. Allen of Boston, a niece and a nephew.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

MARCH 17, 1948

Mrs. Daniel Owen Dies Following Long Illness

Daughter Of Library Patron

Mrs. Jane E. Owen, 79, widow of Professor Daniel E. Owen, and daughter of Robert McArthur, for whom the McArthur library is named, died Tuesday night at her home, 6 Cherry lane, after a long illness.

She was born September 11, 1868, in Rhode Island, the daughter of Robert and Lydia (Swan) McArthur, and came to this city in 1887. She married Mr. Owen in June, 1894, while he was a teacher at Thornton Academy, and they later moved to Philadelphia, Pa., where he served as a professor at the University of Pennsylvania. Upon his retirement in 1930 they returned to this city to make their home.

Her father was chief benefactor of the library, donating its present building and establishing the first endowment fund, and following his death, Mrs. Owen and her late sister, Miss Lena McArthur, continued to support the institution.

She leaves two cousins, David Mowry, Woonsocket, R. I., and Mrs. Emma Snell, Somerville, Mass.

Private funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and friends may call at the home Thursday afternoon and evening.

JANUARY 31, 1948

Alvah J. Carll, 83, Veteran Horseman, Is Taken By Death.

Alvah J. Carll, 83, of Ocean park, who for many years conducted a livery and sales stable on Storer street, Saco, died at a South Portland rest home Friday evening following a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Hollis, the son of Charles and Caroline (Townsend) Carll. After being engaged in business and residing in Saco for many years he went to South Portland to make his home, but had lived at Ocean Park lately.

He was born as a York county authority on the care and training of horses while engaged in business in Saco. He was a member of Saco lodge of Odd Fellows and of the Knights of Pythias lodge of Saco.

Besides his wife, Mayetta Carll of Ocean Park, he leaves a son, Everett Carll of Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Edmund F. Potter, Leominster, Mass., and Mrs. Arthur Schubert, Milwaukee, Wis.; four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. James Mitchell, Portland.

Funeral arrangements are uncompleted.

Portland Press Herald, Thursday Morning, June 24, 1948.

Mr. And Mrs. Robert Biggar Of Saco Mark Silver Wedding



By Press Herald Photographer Dyer
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biggar

Saco, June 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biggar of 75 Middle Street, entertained more than 50 guests at their home Tuesday evening, celebrating their silver wedding anniversary. The couple were married in Saco United Baptist Church, June 22, 1923, by the Rev. Kenneth Paul.

Mrs. Bertha Furber, organist at the couple's wedding 25 years ago, entertained with several appropriate selections. Mrs. Ruth Sanborn, twin sister of Mrs. Biggar, who was bridesmaid at her wedding, was in charge of serving and also assisted the Biggar's daughter, Miss Ruth Biggar, on arrangements.

Miss Virginia Mercier was in charge of the guest book and serving punch were Mrs. Sylvia McCullough and Mrs. Isabelle Perkins. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Rena Ross, Miss Emma Lougee, Mrs. Maida Albrecht and Miss Frances Auger.

The couple have three children, Ruth, Robert, Jr., and Raymond, all first honor graduates of Thornton Academy. Miss Biggar is employed at the D. T. Moore and Sons Insurance Company in Biddeford; Robert, Jr., graduated with honors from Bowdoin College this June; and Raymond will enter Bowdoin College in the fall.

Hospital, Library And Biddeford To Benefit From \$100,000 Trust

Portland Press Herald, Thursday Morning, March 25, 1948.

Biddeford, March 24—A trust fund of more than \$100,000 established for the lifetime of her two daughters, by the late Robert McArthur, former Pepperell Mill agent and founder of the McArthur Library, will be distributed among the McArthur Library, Webber Hospital and the City of Biddeford, it was disclosed here today.

With the filing here today of the will for probate of Mrs. Jane E. Owen, one of McArthur's daughters and last survivor, it was learned that the division of the trust fund would give Webber Hospital \$75,000, McArthur Association, \$25,000, and the City of Biddeford, \$5,000, for care and improvement of Clifford Park.

Under the terms of Mrs. Owen's will, Webber Hospital will receive another \$5,000; Bowdoin College, Wellesley College and Thornton Academy, \$5,000 each; William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia, Pa., \$2,000; and the First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford, \$1,000.

Mrs. Owen died March 16 and her sister, Miss Lena McArthur in 1944. McArthur, a native of England, came to this country at the age of four years. He went to work in a Rhode Island textile mill at the age of eight as a bobbin boy. With little or no schooling, he worked his way up the ladder in the industry until in 1897 he became agent for the Pepperell Mill here. He retired in 1910 and died four years later.

As an expression of his love of books which was nurtured by his lack of formal schooling, McArthur purchased the Pavilion Congregational Church in 1902 and presented it to the city for the library which bears his name and boasts 25,000 volumes. Several times since it was founded, the library has been remodeled and redecorated at the expense of Mrs. Owen and her sister, Lena.



Mayor Myron E. Savage

Fred A. Hobbs, 73, Former York County Attorney Dies At Alfred

Past Commander Of USWV Born At Hollis

Alfred, March 10.—Fred A. Hobbs, 73, former York County attorney and past department commander of the Spanish War Veterans of Maine, died today after a long illness, in the home of his father, George H. Hobbs, Alfred Mills.

Mr. Hobbs was born at Hollis, July 26, 1875, the son of George H. and Lucy A. Dudley Hobbs. His family removed to the house in Alfred Mills, in which he died, more than 60 years ago. He married Cassandra M. Aspinwall of Rollinsford, N. H., March 6, 1902, who died in 1932.

Mr. Hobbs was graduated from the University of Maine in 1896, he studied law in the office of John B. Donovan, Alfred, and was admitted to the Maine Bar in 1900. After teaching in the Westbrook and Alfred High Schools several years, he entered the practice of law at South Berwick in 1900 and remained there until 1914. He practiced in Biddeford from 1914 to 1917 and in 1922 he opened offices at Alfred which he occupied at the time of his death.

He served as York County Attorney from 1907 to 1911, and was surveyor of the Port of Portland in 1931 and 1932. Mr. Hobbs had a long military career in the Spanish American War. He was a second lieutenant of the First Maine Volunteer Infantry. In the First World War he held the rank of captain. He was also a past commander of Brown-Emmons Post, American Legion, Alfred.

He had been a member of Alfred Congregational Church since the age of 15. In politics he was a Republican, and had filled various town offices. He was a member of York Bar Association, Fraternal Lodge of Masons, Alfred, Unity Chapter, South Berwick, Bradford Commandery, West Buxton IOOF, and South Berwick Red Men's Lodge.

He had served as Past Great Sachem of the Red Men of Maine and recently had been presented with the 6-year jewel by the Grand Lodge of Masons of Maine.

Sanford Lodge of Elks, of which he also was a member, will conduct their services at 7:30 p. m. Friday in Hurd Funeral Home, Sanford.

Surviving are his father, a brother, George F. Hobbs, both of Alfred; two daughters, Mrs. Pauline H. MacLeod, Sanford, and Mrs. Elsie Blake, Portsmouth, N. H.; five grandchildren, Miss Marjorie Merrill, Portsmouth, N. H., Mrs. Robert LeBreux and Mrs. Raymond LeBreux, Springvale, Frederick R. Hobbs and William K. Hobbs, Sanford.

Funeral services will be held from Hurd Funeral Home, Sanford, at 2 p. m. Saturday. The Rev. Sumner H. Mitchell, pastor of the Sanford Unitarian Church, will officiate. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Alfred.

APRIL 5, 1948

Harriet McKeen, Retired Saco Teacher, Dies

Miss Harriet O. McKeen, 79, one of Saco's eldest and best known retired public school teachers, died at a rest home in that city, Sunday following an illness of several months. She was widely known in Saco, York County and state Rebekah lodged circles.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of Aaron and Harriet (Clark) McKeen. When a young



Fred A. Hobbs

woman she accepted a position as teacher in the schools of her home community. She served both as an instructor and principal at schools in that city for 49 years previous to retiring a few years ago due to failing health.

She was one of the oldest member and past noble grand of Saco Rebekah lodge and served as secretary of the lodge for a long period of time. She was past district deputy president of Maine Rebekah assembly. She was the eldest member of Second Congregational church of this city, a member of the Patriarch Militant auxiliary degree of chivalry, IOOF, Portland; Saco Rebekah Past Noble Grands association and York County Past Noble Grands association.

She was the last surviving member of one of Saco's eldest families.

Nearest surviving relatives are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JANUARY 16, 1948

Rites Saturday For Former Saco Horsecar Driver

One of the first drivers of horse-drawn cars between Saco and Old Orchard Beach is dead. Funeral services for Walter L. McKusick, 82, Lisbon, who died Tuesday in the Androscoggin Nursing Home, will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Dillingham Memorial chapel, Auburn, and burial will be in Mount Auburn cemetery.

He was born in Saco and attended school there. Besides driving the horse cars he worked as a clerk in the A. G. Prentiss grocery store in Saco for many years. In 1901 he moved to Auburn and purchased what is now Martindale Country Club. He moved to Lisbon 10 years later.

He leaves his widow, Mrs. Alma Temple McKusick, whom he married in Saco 54 years ago, and a daughter, Mrs. Alexander Crossman, of Lewiston.

FEBRUARY 7, 1948

First Newspaper In Saco Saw Light Of Day In 1805

A question which has been the topic of widespread discussion concerning whether Biddeford or Saco had the first newspaper has been finally settled. The correct answer is that honors are evenly divided. Saco had the first weekly newspaper and Biddeford may boast of the first daily.

In 1805, the same year that Pepperellborough became Saco, Saco's first newspaper was published. It was called Freeman's Friend, and its editor and publisher was William Weeks, who stayed in that city for two years prior to moving his paper and taking up residence himself in Portland in 1807. In 1826 Saco was given its second weekly by William Putnam with the formidable name, The Maine Palladium. It has been often said since then that if Putnam employed any newsboys who stuttered to sell his papers, the sound of their voices must have been tragic as they endeavored to pronounce the title of the sheet.

It was not until 1829, when William Condon established and published The Maine Democrat, that Saco could really boast of an enduring newspaper. With numerous changes in ownership and transfers of the paper to this city and back again to Saco the Maine Democrat finally lasted as a weekly for 60 years.

Biddeford's first daily newspaper, The Daily Morning Herald, made its appearance in 1860. A copy now on file at the McArthur library fails to supply the name of either the editor or publisher. It lasted for two years before local publication of the paper ceased. The next local daily periodical was The Daily Evening Times, started by the late Charles A. Shaw, whose versatile career took in such roles as concert manager, newspaper owner, proprietor of a collar factory and ending as a partner of one of Boston's leading museums. The Times, under different managements, lasted until the 90's and is one of the city's best remembered papers.

When it comes to longevity, no other paper ever published in either Saco or Biddeford has touched the record of The Journal, which after being founded in 1884 by the late Charles H. Prescott, is now enjoying its 64th year. The paper can trace its path back as a daily and weekly to 1855, the year that Biddeford first became a city. It was that same year that the late Daniel Somes (builder of Somesville), the first mayor under the charter granted to the City of Biddeford,

established the Eastern Journal. Thus the Biddeford Journal can show a steady weekly and daily publication here for nearly 93 years.

APRIL 12, 1948

Illness Fatal To Howard F. Lord, 85, Former Saco Grocer

Howard Frost Lord, 85, retired Saco grocer and lifelong resident of that city, died at the home of Miss Ilo M. Johnston, 84 Temple street, Saco, where he had resided in late years, Sunday afternoon after a lengthy illness.

Mr. Lord was the son of the late Joseph and Eliza (Getchell) Lord. During his younger life he was engaged in farming. Later he engaged in the grocery business at the corner of Elm and Pleasant streets, Saco, for over 25 years previous to retiring several years ago due to failing health. He was not affiliated with any organizations.

Nearest surviving relatives are several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at his late home 84 Temple street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JANUARY 17, 1948

Arthur E. Burleigh Dies At Age Of 81

Arthur E. Burleigh, 81, practically a lifelong resident of this city, died Friday night at a Saco hospital.

Born in Ellsworth, the son of Roscoe E. and Sarah (Wood) Burleigh, he was employed by the Pepperell Manufacturing company for 30 years, and since 1900 had been engaged in farming.

He leaves two sons, Raymond A., this city, and Ervin E. Burleigh, Wayne; one daughter, Mrs. Mollie Goodwin, Goodwins Mills; 13 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one brother, Frank Burleigh, Lisbon, N. H.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

In Memoriam

This part of our Annual Notice is Dedicated to those Companions who have left us since our last Annual Convocation.

	EXALTED	DIED
JOHN P. DEERING	May 12, 1905	Jan. 5, 1947
CHRISTOPHER PRESCOTT	Dec. 11, 1918	Jan. 19, 1947
SETH M. HANSON	Mar. 31, 1925	May 8, 1947
GEORGE A. PROCTOR	Jan. 9, 1923	May 18, 1947
HANS J. NIELSON	Mar. 8, 1922	Oct. 20, 1947
RAY H. CHELLIS	Nov. 29, 1944	Dec. 7, 1947
MILTON S. ATKINSON	Nov. 17, 1903	Dec. 9, 1947

J. H. Fenderson, Ex-Saco Mayor, Dies At Beach

Former Jewelry Store Operator

James H. Fenderson, 88, a three-term mayor of Saco, a lifelong resident of that city, residing at 384 Main street in that city for a long period of years, died at the Libby Rest Home at Old Orchard Beach this morning where he has been staying of late. For over 50 years previous to retiring about 12 years ago, Mr. Fenderson operated a jewelry store on Main street in this city. At the time of his active retirement, he had the distinction of being the dean of businessmen in the two cities.

Mr. Fenderson was born in Saco, the son of the late Alexander and Jane (Wakefield) Fenderson. He was educated in the Saco public and high schools. When a young man he became interested in the watch repairing and jewelry trade. In later years he became known as an expert in this line of work. His business career started in 1881 when he purchased the Charles I. Hill store located in the Crystal Arcade building on Main street. Later he purchased the store operated by Mr. Hill's brother, John in the Biddeford House block. After merging the two stores he moved to 156 Main street where he operated a jewelry store in connection with his watch and clock repairing enterprise for over a half-century before turning the place over to his late son, James A. Fenderson.

He was active in Saco, county, state and national Republican political circles for many years in his younger life. While filling the office of city treasurer in 1912 he had all of the city's financial books changed over to a more modern system of bookkeeping. He served as mayor of Saco for three terms, 1915-1917, inclusive, and had the distinction of being the first mayor of that community to establish a mayor's office, where callers might discuss their

private business and issue their complaints.

He was highly affiliated with all branches of the Masons and was a 32nd degree member of that order. He served as treasurer of Maine Council, No. 7, Royal Commandery, K. T., and filled and Select Masters and Bradford many of the leading high ranking offices in many of the local Masonic orders during his early career. He was a charter member of Biddeford-Saco Rotary club, a former treasurer of the Biddeford and Saco Railroad company, a former trustee of the York County Savings Bank Institution in this city, and of the Laurel Hill Cemetery association of Saco. He was deeply interested in the affairs of the Wardwell Home for Aged Ladies. He served as a member of the board of trustees of that association for numerous years. He was a member of the former York County Wheelmen association.

Mr. Fenderson during his younger life had the distinction of being one of the leading soloists and church choir singers of the two cities. He served as a member of the First Congregational church choir, Saco, for over 35 years. In the winter of 1873, when he first became a member of the choir, Rev. Charles B. Stowe, a nephew of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe was the preacher. His late wife, the former Ada B. Kennard of Portland, whom he wed in 1885, was also a most talented vocalist.

For many years, Mr. and Mrs. Fenderson and their two sons, Lloyd B. and Charles K. Fenderson, composed a quartet often heard at funeral services and different musical entertainments held in the two cities. Mr. and Mrs. Fenderson were also members of the First Parish church quartet, which included Frank L. Davis and Mrs. Howard T. Knight, who supplied the regular musical programs for that parish for many years.

Surviving relatives are two sons, Charles K. Fenderson, Saco,

SACO GIRL WED—Among the attractive holiday weddings was that of Miss Edith Keithley Fettinger of Saco to Thomas Phillips Williams of Seaford, Del., which took place Saturday afternoon at the Trinity Episcopal Church in Saco. Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mrs. Edwin Forrest Fettinger and the late Edwin F. Fettinger of Saco and Mr. Williams is the son of Mrs. Thomas Wescott Williams and the late Thomas W. Williams of Allentown, Pa. Mrs. Williams is a graduate of Westbrook Junior College and Mr. Williams of Harvard University.

Lloyd B. Fenderson of Boston; a brother, Adney J. Fenderson, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Thomas Johnson of Portland; four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call previous to services to be conducted at First Parish Congregational church, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.



Photo by Roger Paul Jordan

FEBRUARY 23, 1948

Edouard Delorge, Veteran Baker, Dies At Home

Rites Thursday At Local Church

Edouard Delorge, 74, founder and president of the Edouard Delorge Baking company, Incorporated, of 20 Beacon avenue, vice president of the Pepperell



Edouard Delorge

Trust company and life-long resident of this city, died at his home, 173 South street, Sunday evening. He had been in failing health for the past few years. He had been able to be out and around for a portion of each day to attend to his business up to within a few days of his final illness.

He was the son of the late Alexandre and Celina (Charbonneau) Delorge. He was educated in St. Joseph parochial schools. When a young man, he was employed at the F. F. Beauregard grocery store on Elm street. Later he learned the baker's trade and after being employed at different local bakeries, he started a bread-making plant of his own on Irving street, Saco. In 1902. After the place had been wiped out by fire, he opened a new plant on Summer street. After erecting a large three-story wooden building on Beacon avenue in 1912, he started the present Delorge baking plant distributors of bread and various kinds of pastries. In 1925, the business had expanded to such an extent that the concern was incorporated and Mr. Delorge made president.

He served as a director and vice president of the Pepperell Trust company for several years. During his younger life his services were often sought by different political groups to become a candidate for mayor, but each appeals were denied.

He was a member of the Fremont club, Saco-Biddeford Kiwanis club, Sacred Heart League

of St. Joseph parish, Cercle Lacordaire, Court Lafayette, Catholic Order of Foresters. Modern Woodmen of America, Conseil Chagnon, Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique. He was one of the oldest communicants, in period of years, of St. Josephs church.

Besides his widow, the former Clarina Morin of this city, he leaves four daughters, Mrs. Edgar R. Corneau, Mrs. J. Hermann Gelin, Mrs. Conrad E. Auger, Mrs. Jules E. Baillargeon; two sons Roland O., Paul G. Delorge all of this city; 16 grandchildren and three sisters, Mrs. Joseph Janson, Mrs. Henri Ayotte, and Miss Amanda Delorge.

The body is at the F. X. Emond funeral home, 72 Hill street where friends may call from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. previous to services to be held at St. Joseph church Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THE FRIAR'S LANTERN



WILLIAM B. COX (1866-1947)



PHILIP S. TOWLE



PHILIP F. TARR (1894-1947)

Press Herald—Portland, Ma

June 28, 1948

Leon M. Ayer Cornish, Dies

Long Prominent In Town Affairs



Leon M. Ayer

Cornish, June 27.—Leon M. Ayer, 66, chairman of the Cornish Republican Town Committee, a member of the York County Committee, and long prominent in the political and fraternal life of this community, died today at the Osteopathic Hospital, Portland, where he had been a patient since Friday.

A native of Cornish, Mr. Ayer was the son of the late James C. and Mary A. Ayer, his father serving for several years as deputy sheriff, a position which the son filled for some time. He was graduated from Cornish High School and had served as president of both the Cornish School Association and the Cornish High School Alumni.

He was for many years secretary of the Cornish Fair, had served as selectman, member of the school board, road commissioner and member of the Legislature for four terms. As a lawmaker he served on several important committees.

Mr. Ayer was a member of the Masonic bodies, including the blue lodge, Greenleaf Chapter, Maine Council of Saco, Oriental Commandery, Knights Templar, of Bridgton; and the Mystic Shrine; Corona Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star; the Odd Fellows, Arbutus Rebekah Lodge and the Red Men. He was also affiliated with the Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are a son, Raymond T. Ayer, principal of Cornish High School; a daughter, Mrs. Sidney Frost of Kezar Falls; a granddaughter, Dorothy Welch of Gorham, and a brother, Frank P. Ayer of Bangor.

Funeral services will be held at the Hamilton funeral home, Wednesday at 2 p. m., and interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

APRIL 28, 1948

Sarah Cousens Dies In Hawaii At Age Of 95

Mrs. Sarah E. Cousens, 95, widow of Franklin H. Cousens, and a well-known resident of this city for many years, died Sunday at her home in Honolulu, Hawaii,

APRIL 10, 1948

Rites Sunday For James Bradbury, Veteran Teacher

James H. Bradbury, 77, teacher and principal of the Biddeford Evening school for 25 years, died Friday evening at a local hospital after a long illness.

Born in this city, the son of Thomas C. and Sarah (Sawyer) Bradbury, he was employed as a foreman at the Saco-Lowell shops and later at the Pepperell Manufacturing company for many years.

He was a member and past master of Dunlap Lodge, F. and A. M., of which he held a 50-year medal; a member of Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, and Laconia Lodge, I. O. O. F., and a director of the York Loan and Building association. He was also a member and deacon emeritus of the Second Parish Congregational church.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Emma G. Bradbury, this city; one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Burke, Kennebunk; two granddaughters, Miss Claire Emerson, this city, and Mrs. E. H. Pierce, Jr., Hartland, Vt.; two grandsons, James B. Burke and Michael J. Burke, both of Kennebunk.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 from the Second Congregational church.

according to word received by her daughter, Mrs. William E. Shaw, South street.

Born in this city, the daughter of Stephen and Harriet (Bradbury) Worth, she married Franklin H. Cousens of Dayton at the age of 21 and lived in Chicago for several years while her husband was in the produce business. She later returned to this city and was owner and proprietress of a millinery shop for 35 years. In 1907, she added a second store to her millinery business.

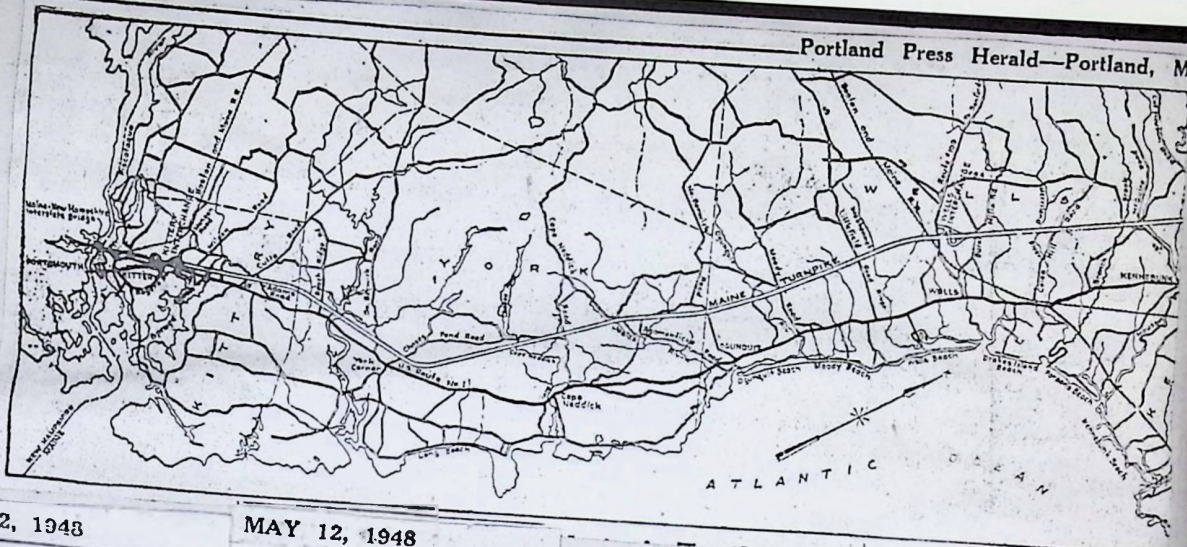
She established the Franklin Burton Cousens Memorial Public Speaking contest at Biddeford High school in honor of her son Franklin Burton, who died while a student at Tufts Dental College. Four of her five children were graduated from the high school. The fifth, Otis, died in infancy.

During the war, Mrs. Cousens, at the age of 91, knitted eight full hours a day for the Honolulu Chapter of the American Red Cross. She had been an invalid for the past two years following an accident, and made her last visit to the States in 1936.

She was a charter member of Adah Chapter, No. 1. O. E. S., a member of the Thursday club U. S. Grant, Women's Relief Corps and the Jefferson street Free Will Baptist church.

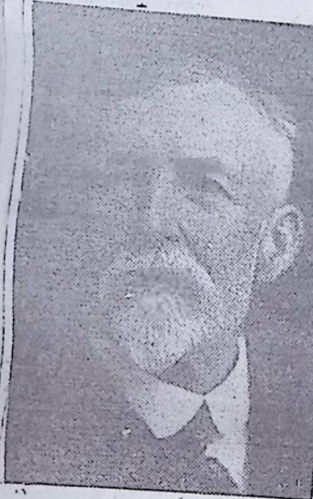
She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Shaw, this city, and Mrs. Arthur L. Andrews, Honolulu; one son, Clayton W. Cousens, Great Neck, N. Y.; three grandchildren, David C. Shaw, this city, Robert Nye, Chicago, Ill., and John K. Cousens, Ithaca, N. Y.; three great-children and several nieces and nephews.

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JUNE 12, 1943

Services For W. J. C. Milliken



W. J. C. Milliken

Funeral services for W. J. C. Milliken, retired Old Orchard Beach ice dealer and former holder of various town offices, will be held at St. John's-by-the-Sea Episcopal church at Old Orchard Beach this afternoon at 3:30.

AUGUST 19, 1946

Illness Fatal To Charles E. Towne

Charles E. Towne, 78, life-long resident of Saco, died at his home Saturday night following a long illness.

Mr. Towne, a farmer by occupation, was the son of Joseph and Olivia Smith Towne. He was a member of the School street Methodist church. He is survived by his widow, Adra Doane Towne, a son, Edwin S. Towne, of Yarmouth, a grandson; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Nellie E. Schmidt, of Kennebunkport, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday at 2 p. m. at the home, 243 North street.

MAY 12, 1948

HAROLD F. PARCHER

Word has been received in Saco of the death, May 9, in West Brookfield, Mass., of Harold F. Parcher, 73, formerly of Biddeford.

Mr. Parcher was the son of the late Frank and Nellie (Jones) Parcher and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Nicholas Gibbon, Lakeview, N. C. For many years he played in Painchaud's band.

Funeral services will be held in West Brookfield Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AUGUST 9, 1948

BUY COTTAGE SITE

George R. Marier and Angela A. Marier, Westbrook, have purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, a shore front lot No. 35, owned by

Arthur W. Andrews, at Hills Beach. The Mariers have purchased for a cottage site.

FEBRUARY 14, 1948



Mayor Myron Savage

JULY 7, 1948

PURCHASES LAND

Florido O. Thibodeau, has purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, lot No. 55, owned by Arthur W. Andrews, at Hills Beach.



Funeral Rites Tuesday For John P. Deering

Funeral Rites

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from the attack, apparently through his weakened condition.

The news of the suddenness of Judge Deering's death cast a pall of sorrow throughout the two cities and elsewhere in the state where he was known in legal, banking and political circles as it became circulated through information of intimate friends who had become acquainted earlier in the day of the death of Saco's distinguished legal authority and community leader.

Health Was Failing

Judge Deering had been in failing health for some time. Several months ago he was hospitalized for several weeks at a Portland hospital. While he later recovered sufficiently to permit him to resume his law practice and duties of the offices he held with different banking, hospital, educational and other organizations of the two cities, he had failed to recover his complete health. It was reported Sunday by friends he had been under the care of a physician in late weeks and he had been advised against performing any labor or indulging in long walks that might lead to over-exertion.

Working on School Contract

During the past two weeks, Mr. Deering, chairman of the board of trustees of Thornton Academy for many years, had deeply interested himself in several conferences held with representatives of the Saco city government concerning the negotiations of a new contract between the two parties and a change in the personnel of the board of trustees which would allow the city representation on the board. This work, together with the duties of the other important offices he held and the cares entrusted to him by the clients of his extensive law practice, proved a huge drain on his physical resources.

Death suddenly removed one of Saco's outstanding residents and community leaders, who in county and state bar circles rose in fame to become one of Maine's best known practicing attorneys and Republican leaders, when John Percy Deering, 73, of 58 Summer street, Saco, died at the Webber hospital in this city Sunday morning at 6.50 o'clock.

Judge Deering, as he was best known to his associates and intimate friends and many residents of the two cities, after serving for several terms as judge of the Saco municipal court, was at his offices in the York National Bank building Saturday morning as usual conversing with callers at his office and with others on the telephone. Arriving at his home after making the journey on foot from his office, he was stricken suddenly ill. Early in the afternoon a physician was hurriedly summoned, and upon his arrival found Mr. Deering's condition quite grave and ordered his prompt removal to a hospital. Arriving at the institution at 2.57 o'clock, where for many years he served as president of the association in charge of the operation of that institution, emergency treatment through various methods was administered in an effort to prolong the life of the patient. He failed to rally

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Members of the York county bar of which he was a past president, and other organizations with which he was affiliated are expressing profound sympathy to Mrs. Deering and other relatives of the deceased over the death of Judge Deering. Always helpful and considerate of young attorneys, he had seen many of the present day bar members begin practice here and he never failed to render assistance to the young practitioners and even to many of the elder bar members seeking advice or the interpretations of certain points of law. He took deep interest in the youth of the two cities and was ready to lend his aid at all times to any movement pertaining to their general welfare and for their future walks of life. He was also most willing at any time to assist in any undertaking of benefit to his home community.

Native Of Saco

John F. Deering was born in Saco, Sept. 20, 1873, the son of John McKenney and Amelia (Harmon) Deering. He was educated in the Saco schools and was graduated from Thornton academy in 1891. During his student period he achieved considerable athletic fame as member of the school's football eleven. Later he pursued course at Amherst college. During a portion of his student day at the college he was a roommate of the late Calvin Coolidge who later became United States President. Judge and Mrs. Deering were frequent White House guests of the President and his wife during the Coolidge administration. It has been often mentioned that Mr. Deering was offered several high ranking positions by his former roommate but that he declined the generous offers preferring to retain his home in Saco.

After his graduation from Amherst college in 1895 he served as a member of the faculty of instructors at New York Military school, Cornwall, N. Y., for the following two years. Returning to Saco in 1897 he took up the study of law at the offices of the late J. O. Bradbury, one of York county's leading barristers of the period before being admitted to the Maine bar in 1899. His law practice period dated back to 1900 when he entered into partnership in a law concern with the late Harry B. Ayer of this city. After the firm dissolved partnership in 1901, Mr. Deering opened offices of his own here. He was admitted to practice in the U. S. District court in 1903 and in 1910 was given authority to practice the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston. He was city solicitor Saco during 1901, and again between 1924 and 1926. He always practiced law in the two cities with the exception

JANUARY 8, 1947

Rites Held For Judge Deering

Funeral rites for Judge John P. Deering, one of Saco's outstanding lifelong citizens and well known Maine Republican leader for many years, were held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Included in the large gathering which taxed the seating capacity of the parlors where the services were held, were many widely known out-of-town court justices and attorneys, representatives of the York county, Maine and American Bar associations and of various institutions, associations and fraternal organizations with which Mr. Deering was affiliated with.

Rev. Paul F. Bliss, minister of the Saco Unitarian church, and Rev. Stanley A. Gould, pastor of First Parish Congregational church, Saco, were the officiating clergymen.

The honorary bearers were Cecil F. Clark, William L. Linnell, Homer T. Waterhouse, Dr. Edgar H. Minot, Judge Daniel E. Crowley and Judge C. Wallace Harmon.

The active bearers were Porter Green, R. Pierpont Jordan, Bernard C. Brown, Leo Pratt, Harold Rodgers, Benjamin Shaw.

The body was entombed at Laurel Hill cemetery.

Statutes as appropriate when city payments for student tuition constitute at least half of the income of an academy. In this connection it is well to bear in mind that the enlarged payments by the city at present are largely caused by the change in the public schools from nine grades to eight, increasing considerably, but of course temporarily, the academy student enrollment. Many students are now being paid for in advance of the time they would normally have entered the academy.

The procedure suggested by your representatives, in addition to being temporary and subject to possible deadlocks and inaction with relation to important administrative matters, would, in any event, require the delegation by the trustees of all administrative functions, except investment and property management, to a committee over which they would have no control. This they are advised they cannot legally do.

The impression has been created in some quarters that Section 96 of Chapter 37 R. S. is an amendment to the charter of the academy. This impression is erroneous. Thornton Academy was incorporated by Massachusetts in 1811. That charter under the decisions of the United States Supreme Court became a contract between the state and the academy. It was assumed by the State of Maine when Maine separated from Massachusetts. It can be changed only with the consent of both parties, the state and the academy.

Consistent with this situation and as an alternative to the suggestion of the representatives of the city government, the trustees, desiring to cooperate to the fullest extent, propose that the committee on instruction of their board hold, as frequently as seems necessary or desirable, meetings with the superintending school committee for discussion of mutual problems (the subject matter to be scheduled jointly by the academy headmaster and the superintendent of schools) comprehending courses of instruction, teacher and salary problems, use of school buildings and grounds, athletics and other school activities, ways and means of interesting parents in the educational and activity programs, budgetary requirements and all similar inter-related matters.

The trustees believe that through this method the programs of the public schools and the academy will be so coordinated as to constitute a combined program and its execution an integrated educational system, out of which the youth of Saco may obtain the greatest educational benefits possible and one in which the parents and other citizens may take the greatest degree of pride and satisfaction.

The trustees prior to the beginning of the school year formulated a policy intended to make the operation of the academy better known to the public and to enlist the interest of parents to a greater degree than ever before. This program was begun by the holding of an "open house" one evening recently, when about four hundred parents and friends of

on Oct. 16, 1904; two brothers, Fred and Charles Deering of Portland; four sisters, Mrs. Frances D. Campbell, Kennebunk; Mrs. William F. Goodwin, and the Misses Edna M. and Lucy Deering, of Saco; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

It was brought to the attention of the Journal this forenoon by a Saco lady that the death of Judge John P. Deering occurred through a strange coincidence on the 14th anniversary of the date of the death of his former roommate at Amherst college, the late President Calvin Coolidge.

ly home, 5 rooms, bath, other 6 rooms, bath. Barn, large deep lot, garden space. Priced to please. Terms. King Woodman, 260 Main St., City.

\$4,500—OLD ORCHARD Home, 4 rooms, bath, furnace heat. Large lot. Terms. King Woodman, 260 Main St., City.

\$2,500—OLD POOL ROAD, Fortunes Rocks. 6 room home, large lot. Terms. King Woodman, 260 Main St., City.

\$3,500—HOBSON LANE, Saco, 8 room house, bath, shed, garage, large lot. Terms. King Woodman, 260 Main St., City.

\$5,500—MIDDLE ST., Saco, 3 apartments. 5 rooms, bath. Garages. Terms. King Woodman, 260 Main St., City.

MODERN DAIRY Farm, 130 acres, Berwick. Fine home, 8 rooms, bath, furnace heat. Barn, 22 head cattle, pair horses, milking machines, coolers, tractor, all farm machinery. Milk route included. Terms. King Woodman, 260 Main St., City.

Today's Radio

MONDAY, JULY 8

Changes in programs as listed are due to corrections by networks made too late to incorporate.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS NOTE — All times PM eastern standard.

To change to eastern daylight, add one hour; central daylight same as eastern standard.

On the other hand, for central standard subtract one hour; for mountain standard subtract two hours.

Times listed are those supplied by networks. Relay times by local stations may vary in some instances.

4:45—Front Page Farrell, Serial—nbc
Sparrow and The Hawk, Serial—cbs
Tennessee Jed, a Kiddies Skit—abc
Tom Mix (Repeats 5:45, 6:45)—nbc
5:00—News Report for 15 Mins.—nbc
Quincy Howe and News Period—cbs
Walter Kieran and News—abc-east
G. Hound (also 8:15)—nbc-west

Remember?



Younger generation discovers something many of us knew a long time ago: that pickle juice sucked through a peppermint stick is good. Mary Pat O'Brien, 9, of Riverdale, Ill., demonstrates.

three years while in Bangor, where he conducted the legal affairs of the Ray Lumber company, 1913-1915. In 1901 he served as a representative to the Maine legislature. He was judge of the Saco Municipal court, 1905-12. He served in the Maine Senate as a Republican senator from York county 1917-1919. He was a member of the Judiciary committee both terms.

Served State

Commencing in 1925 he served as member of the State hospital board of trustees for several terms before retiring. He was a candidate for governor in the Republican primary elections of 1920 and 1922. He was a member of the York county, Maine State and National Bar associations,

Trustees Of Thornton Make Policy Statement

Following different discussions conferences with representatives of the Saco City government, the trustees of Thornton academy, realizing public interest in the matters which have been under discussion by the two representative groups, have forwarded to the City government officials the following statement setting forth their position. It is expected that the contents of this communication will be read at the regular January session of the Saco board of aldermen scheduled to be held this evening.

Saco, Maine, January 6, 1947
To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Thornton Academy, following a conference with your representatives, the following statement of policy was authorized.

The Trustees are eager to believe that the purpose of the conference, suggested by members of the City Government, was to establish a means of closer cooperation between the Superintending School Committee and its Superintendent and the Trustees of the Academy, to the end that the people of Saco may be assured such continuous working relationship between the public schools and the Academy as to make a well rounded school system. With that purpose the Trustees are in hearty accord.

The Trustees believe the method of accomplishing that end not so important as the desired result itself.

The trustees cannot agree to the method proposed by your representatives at the conference because it involves a shirking of obligations imposed upon the trustees by the Charter of Thornton academy and, in their opinion, if carried out, would endanger

the students, and interested citizens, had an opportunity to visit the class rooms and to see the academy in full operation.

In this endeavor the trustees solicit the assistance and cooperation of the city government and the school authorities of the city.

Yours very truly,

Trustees of Thornton Academy.
By Edgar H. Minot,
Vice President.

NOVEMBER 26, 1948

Illness Fatal To Textile Official Of Saco-Lowell

Alexander Rankeillor, 84, widely known in textile machinery manufacturing circles throughout the country as an inventor and designer of frames and other machinery manufactured by the Saco-Lowell shops of this city, died at his home, 79 Bradley street, Saco, Wednesday afternoon.

A former superintendent of the local plant of the concern for a long period of years, he had filled the position of consulting engineer with the company in late years while regularly employed up to the period of his final illness.

Mr. Rankeillor was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, the son of Richard and Margaret (Cooper) Rankeillor. After receiving his early education in the schools of that city, he was a student at Heriot-Watt college while majoring in mechanical drawing and applied mechanics.

He came to the United States in 1888 and obtained employment with the Pond Machine Tool company, manufacturers of planers and drilling machines in Plainfield, N. J. In 1889, he left that city to accept a position with the Pease Machine Tool company of Worcester, Mass. In 1890 he was offered a more lucrative job with the Pettee Machine Works of Newton Upper Falls, Mass., which he accepted. He continued to be employed in Newton until 1897 when the Pettee and Saco Water Co. of this city merged into a new concern which became known as the Saco-Lowell company and was transferred here to take charge of making improvements upon roving and spinning frames made by the company.

With the assistance of E. P. Morgan, head draftsman of the concern at the time, he designed a new spinning frame for fine work that attracted the attention of many textile officials both in this country and abroad. His ability as a designer and inventor of this type of frame and numerous other products made by the concern led to his being appointed superintendent of the Saco-Lowell shops upon the retirement of the late Gilman P. Littlefield.

After serving as superintendent for a long period of time he retired from the position. Due to his knowledge of the modern trend in the manufacture of textile machinery and his ability to invent new accessories and improve machinery manufactured by the concern, he continued to serve as a consulting engineer for the company. He held such position up to the time of his death.

He was widely known in textile manufacturing circles both in this country and abroad.

He always took a deep interest in civic affairs of his home community, specially those promoted in the interest of the youth of the city. During his younger career he served as a member of

the board of aldermen from the ward 1 precinct of the city for several terms. He was a member of Cannongate Killwinning lodge, F. & A. M., Edingborough, Scotland; a director and former vice president of the York Loan and Building association; an active member and regular attendant of the First Universalist church of this city for a long period of time when health permitted and served as a trustee, auditor and trust fund committee member for many years. He has been a resident of Saco for the past 59 years.

Besides his widow, the former Florence Esther Porter of West Newton, Mass., who he married at the First Universalist church, Newton Center on June 11, 1896, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Maude M. McKnight, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and Miss Esther Agnes Rankeillor of Saco.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco where services will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

DECEMBER 6, 1948

Illness Fatal To William Goodwin, Auto Pioneer

William F. Goodwin, 69, of 435 Main street, Saco, a retired automobile distributor and lifelong resident of the two cities, died at a local hospital Sunday following a long illness.

Born in this city, the son of the late Frank and Hannah (Baldwin) Goodwin, he attended the local public schools and was a member of the 1898 graduating class of Biddeford high. While a student at the latter school he was a member of the varsity football team.

During his younger life he was an electrician previous to engaging in the founding of the Biddeford Motor Sales and the distribution of Ford and latter Chevrolet cars several years ago, he accepted the position of a travelling engineer for an auto water heating concern. Later he was employed in the purchasing department of the Saco-Lowell shops previous to being stricken ill and retiring.

He was a former member of the Saco school board and during his younger life was affiliated with the local Masonic bodies. He was a past president of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club.

Besides his widow, the former Rose Deering, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy G. Bowie and a granddaughter of Tarrytown, N. Y., and two cousins.

Funeral services will be held from his late home, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 1, 1948

BEACH LAND SOLD

Conrad L. Chenard and Madeleine A. Chenard of this city have purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, lot 39, owned by Arthur W. Andrews, located at Hills Beach. Mr. Chenard and family plan to build a cottage in the near future.

AUGUST 12, 1948

Betrothed



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Craig, 365 Main street, Saco, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Gertrude, to Arthur Sheldon Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Davis of Billings, Montana. Miss Craig is a graduate of Thornton Academy, and is a member of the senior class at Simmons College, Boston. Mr. Davis is a graduate of Kemper Military School, Boonville, Mo., and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi National social fraternity. He served three years in the army. Mr. Davis is employed by Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

JANUARY 25, 1949

Mrs. Harriet Hill Dies In Saco At Age Of 97 Years

Mrs. Harriet G. Hill, 97, one of the oldest residents of the two cities, died early today at the Libby home on lower Beach street, Saco, where she had resided for several years.

A native of Bradford, England, the daughter of Jeremiah and Hannah (Lumb) Goldsborough, she came to this country with relatives at an early age and resided in the two cities most of her life. She was at one time employed at the G. N. Ward and company dry and fancy goods store in this city, one of the pioneer places of its kind in this community, for many years.

She was the oldest past worthy matron of Adah chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star, and the Past Matrons association of that organization. For many years she was an active member of the Foss street Methodist church and ladies' organizations of the parish.

Her nearest surviving relatives are second cousins.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call prior to services there Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JANUARY 11, 1949

H. A. Jose Dies; Ex-Saco Alderman

Former Alderman Herbert A. Jose, 73, of 32 Cutts avenue, Saco, a lifelong resident of that city, employed for over 30 years as an accountant at the Saco-Lowell Shops, died at a local hospital Monday, following a several months illness.

He was the son of James T. and Martha (Perry) Jose. He was educated in the Saco public schools and graduated from Thornton Academy in the class of 1897. While there he was prominent in varsity athletics. He had an active interest in civic affairs and current events of the community. At one time during his political career he served as an alderman and later as city auditor. During his younger life he was a member of the drum section of Painchaud's band.

He served as a member of the local draft board during World War I, and he was a member of Biddeford-Saco Lodge of Elks, Saco Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., and Trinity Episcopal church.

Besides his widow, Lila, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Reba E. Jose, Boston, and Mrs. Lucille Murphy of Watertown, Mass.; a grandson, Stephen E. Murphy, Watertown; a nephew, Howard Jose, and a niece, Mrs. Ernest Hatch, both of Saco.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Members of Biddeford-Saco Lodge of Elks are requested to assemble at Elks hall at 7:30 p.m. for evening and journey in a body to the Dennett and Craig funeral home where memorial ritual services will be held at 8 o'clock.

JUNE 8, 1948

E. J. Bradbury, Ex-Saco Druggist, Dies In Columbus

Edward J. Bradbury, 65, a former Saco druggist who once owned what is known as Percy's pharmacy, died Monday in Columbus, Ohio, of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Born in Saco, the son of E. C. and Edna (Pinkham) Bradbury, he graduated from Thornton Academy and attended Bowdoin College. He then established the E. J. Bradbury drug store which he later sold.

He leaves his wife, the former Cornelia Cushman, Newport, Vermont; two children, a son, Joseph of Saco and a daughter, Mrs. E. Wolfe, Ga.; a sister, Mrs. Frank Palmer, Saco; and 1 grandchild.

Funeral services will be held in Columbus Wednesday and the body will be cremated. The services will be sent here and committal services will be held in the Hill chapel, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

January 11, 1949

Judge Fenderson Rites Wednesday

York County Jurist
Dies At Sanford



Frank D. Fenderson

Sanford, Jan. 10.—Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Congregational Church, Limerick, for Frank D. Fenderson, 70, judge of the York County Probate Court who died this morning in Henrietta D. Goodall Hospital, here, after a short illness.

The Rev. Frederic E. Charrier of Sanford will officiate at the service and interment will be in Riverside Cemetery, Cornish.

Mr. Fenderson had been a judge of Probate for about two years, succeeding the late Hiram Willard. Prior to that he had served as clerk of courts for 33 years.

A native and life-long resident of Parsonsfield, he was the son of the late Nathan W. and Abbie F. Brackett Fenderson. He was graduated from Limerick Academy in 1896 and was a member of the first class to graduate from the University of Maine Law School. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1899, and was a partner in the law firm of J. Merrill Lord and Fenderson of Limerick.

Judge Fenderson was secretary and treasurer of the York County Bar Association and a member of the American Bar Association and the Maine State Bar Association. He was a member of Freedom Lodge, AF & AM, of Limerick; of Biddeford Chapter, RAM, and Bradford Commandery, KTi. He was also a 32nd degree Mason.

He was a member of the Maine Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution and the Sanford Lodge of Elks.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laura Jose Fenderson, and one son, Jose Fenderson.

DECEMBER 15, 1948

Mrs. Charles Hanson Is Dead In Georgia

Mrs. Nellie E. Hanson, widow of Charles E. Hanson, a former Saco resident, died at her home at

Rock-Mart, Ga., Monday, where she had resided for 14 years.

A native of Saco, the daughter of Franklin and Abbie (Sylvester) Foss, she was educated in the schools of that city. While residing in Saco she was an active member of the First Parish Congregational church and ladies organizations of the parish.

Surviving relatives are her son, Leslie P. Hanson, Rock-Mart, Georgia; twin-sisters, Mrs. Flora Scammon of Saco and Mrs. Cora B. Reed, Dorchester, Mass., and two grandchildren.

The body is being forwarded to Saco and the funeral will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

DECEMBER 27, 1948.

Miss Etta B. Hill Dies On Christmas

Miss Etta B. Hill, 76, lifelong Saco resident and for the past 24 years associated in a partnership with her sister, Miss Ada Hill, in operating The Fair, a dry and fancy goods store at 196 Main street, Saco, died suddenly at her home, 47 Thornton avenue, Saco, early Christmas day.

She was the daughter of the late James P. and Catherine (Boothby) Hill. She was educated in the schools of her home community. She was a member of First Parish Congregational church and was active in various ladies' organizations of that church for many years during her younger life.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Vergie E. Burnham and Miss Ada Hill, and a nephew, Harry J. Burnham, all of Saco.

Funeral services will be held at her late home, 47 Thornton avenue, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1948

MRS. WILLIAM ROSS

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie W. Ross, 72, widow of William Ross, who died at her home, 30 Cross street, Saco, Saturday, were held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Edward F. Allen, pastor of the Foss street Methodist church, conducted the rites. Included in the large attendance at the services were delegations of members of Saco Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, and Annette Chapter, No. 184, Order of the Eastern Star with which Mrs. Ross was affiliated for many years.

The body was taken to the North Yarmouth cemetery for burial in the family lot there later in the afternoon.

Mrs. Ross was a native of Gray, the daughter of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Doughty) Pennell. She attended the schools of that community and graduated from Nichols Latin school in Lewiston. She was a member of the School street Methodist church and during the past 20 years she made her home in Saco after coming from North Yarmouth, was an active member of that parish when health permitted.

Besides a brother, Percy H. Pennell of Saco, she leaves several nieces and nephews.

NOVEMBER 20, 1948

Former Saco Salvation Army Commander, Dies

Samuel V. Furman, 84, 53 Oakland avenue, Methuen, Mass., formerly of Old Orchard Beach, and a summer resident there for 40 years, a retired Salvation Army commandant, died November 6 at his home following a short illness.

Born in London, England, he received his Salvation Army training under General William Booth, founder, and was commissioned an officer in London, serving in Scotland for three years before coming to the United States in 1893.

During his 31 years' service with Salvation Army in this country, Mr. Furman was in command of corps in Canandaigua, Hormel Albany, Olean and Rome, N. Y., Keene, Nashua, Manchester and Laconia, N. H., Saco and Augusta, Me., Middletown, Conn., and in Haverhill, Brockton, Lynn, Boston and Roxbury, retiring in 1924.

A 32nd degree Mason, he was a charter member of Bethlehem lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Lynn, a member of Paul Revere lodge, A. F. and A. M., Satucket Royal Arch chapter, Bay State Commandry, 38, K. T., and Lafayette lodge of Perfection, all of Brockton, Regis chapter, 77, O. E. S., of Lynn, Giles Fonda Yates council, P. of J., Mount Rivet chapter of Rose Croix, Massachusetts consistory and Aleppe temple, Shrine of Boston.

Surviving are one daughter, Major Evangeline Furman, Salvation Army, Beverly; two sons, Frank Furman of Methuen and Major George A. Furman, Salvation Army, Peoria, Ill., and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held in Methuen. Burial was in Forest Hills cemetery, Boston.

OCTOBER 29, 1948

Mrs. Harry E. Bean Dies In Portland

Mrs. Marietta Bean, 81, widow of Harry E. Bean, a resident of the two cities most of her life, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Gladys E. Willis, on Wall street, Portland, early this morning following a lengthy illness.

She was a native of this city, the daughter of the late Moses and Mary (French) Lovering. She was educated in the local schools. Her late husband operated a grocery store on Alfred street for many years. She made her home here and in Saco for a long period of time previous to going to Portland 15 years ago to make her home with her daughter.

Surviving relatives besides her daughter, Mrs. Willis, are a granddaughter, Mrs. Susan Shields, Kennebunk; two grandsons, James E. Bean, Old Orchard Beach, and Harold L. Bean, Bloomfield, N. J., and five great-grandchildren.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Friends are requested to omit flowers.

JANUARY 6, 1949

Ferdinand Bouthillette Dies Suddenly Here; Former City Official

Ferdinand O. Bouthillette, 72, better known in the two cities as Pat Brown, a life-long Biddeford resident, died suddenly at the home of his niece, Mrs. Alexandre Martin, 14 Simard avenue, Wednesday evening.

He was the son of the late Octave and Julie (Simard) Bouthillette and was educated in the local schools. When a young man, he entered the employ of the old York Light and Heat company as an inside wire and meter man. Several years later, he was promoted to the office of credit manager of the concern which became known as the Cumberland County Power and Light company, now operated under the name of the Central Maine Power company.

After being employed by the same three concerns for over 38 years, he retired about seven years ago, due to failing health. While he has been hospitalized on several occasions in late years from attacks of illness he had recovered sufficiently to enjoy short walks and rides. His death Wednesday evening was unexpected.

Mr. Bouthillette was deeply interested in local civic affairs for many years and served as a member of the Board of Health for several terms during his younger life. He was interested in all branches of sports.

Besides a sister, Mrs. Florence Guilbert, he leaves several nieces and nephews.

The body is at the F. X. Emond funeral parlors, 72 Hill street, where friends may call between 9 a. m. and 10 p. m., prior to funeral services to be announced Friday.

Mayor Louis B. Lausier has ordered the flag on City building displayed at half mast, out of respect to Mr. Bouthillette.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1948

Former Local Woman Dies In Providence

Word was received here late this forenoon of the death of Mrs. William Foss, the former Lillian Green of Stone street, this city, which occurred at her home, 120 Lennox avenue, Providence, R. I., earlier in the day, after an extended illness.

Mrs. Foss was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Green of this city. She was educated in the local public schools and was a member of the 1890 class of Biddeford High school. While she had been a resident of Providence for a long period of years, she made frequent visits here annually during the summer and fall months. Her father served as overseer of the weaving department of the Pepperell Mills for many years. She is survived by her husband.

Following funeral services, to be held in Providence, Saturday afternoon, the body will be forwarded to Saco, where prayers will be held at the grave of the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Dr. David E. Dolloff, Widely-Known Biddeford Physician, Dies At 70

Was Chief Surgeon At Webber Hospital

(Special Dispatch)

Biddeford, Nov. 26.—Dr. David Ernest Dolloff, 70; practicing physician here the past 40 years, died tonight at his home, 15 Crescent Street, after a brief illness.

He has been chief of staff and chief surgeon at Webber Hospital the past 29 years. Despite advancing years he remained active, and came from partial retirement early in the last war. He served as shop physician of the Saco Lowell Shops 25 years, and was examining physician for the wartime selective service board here. Doctor Dolloff had gained wide recognition in civic circles as well as in fraternal and patriotic organizations.

Last year he delivered the dedicatory address at Biddeford Memorial Field when he served as chairman of the War Memorial Field Committee. He also organized, in 1947, the first Biddeford PTA group in the history of the city.

Doctor Dolloff was highly regarded in State Department American Legion circles for his assistance to disabled veterans and service officers. He was commander of Philip Tighe Post during its organizational years.

He was one of the sponsors of the movement which produced the famed Philip Tighe Post drum and bugle corps. For ten years this group dominated Maine competition and achieved National recognition.

He was born at Munroe, son of Horace and Abigail T. Dolloff. He attended Munroe schools and was graduated from Castine Normal School in 1906. He taught a few years at Brooks and Bristol and later entered Bowdoin Medical School, where he received his degree.

He interned for a year at the Salem, Mass., hospital, and in 1908 started private practice in Biddeford with the late Dr. M. Hubbard Ferguson.

In 1917, he enlisted in the Army Medical Corps and was sent overseas. He was lent to the British and served as physician and surgeon at the Manor Hospital in England.

He was a member of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons and the American, Maine and York County medical associations.

He served as chief medical officer of the local Civilian Defense during World War II, and was active in Red Cross work and with the Public Health Nursing service.

At one time he served on the Biddeford Board of Education, was a member of the Police Commission, and while serving as Biddeford Park Commissioner developed what is now Clifford Park into the city's first playground.

He was a member of Dunlap Lodge, F & AM; Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar; Adah Chapter, OES; Laconia Lodge, IOOF, and Foss Street Methodist Church.

He leaves his widow, Carrie Rand Dolloff; a son, Norman H.



Dr. David E. Dolloff

Dolloff, Los Gatos, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Weslene D. Troy, Providence, R. I.; his mother at Munroe; four grandchildren, a brother, Melroy C., of Munroe, several nieces and nephews.

the armed services, he often faced conditions absorbing more time than he should have contributed in late life to his medical work, with the result that his health finally became impaired.

Served In Medical Corps

He served as a member of the Selective Service draft board during the first World War period previous to his enlistment in the U. S. Medical Corps and served throughout the larger part of the conflict in England and France hospitals, starting with the rank of major of the Medical Corps. He served as chief of the Webber hospital staff of physicians and surgeons for over 25 years.

He was a member and past commander of Tighe-Beaudoin-Farley post; he served as chief medical examiner of the local Selective Service draft board during World War Two; a former member of the board of police commissioners; a member of Dunlap Lodge, F. & A. M.; York chapter, Bradford Commandery, Knights Templars, Adah chapter, O. E. S., No. 1; Laconia lodge, IOOF; Bowdoin Medical College graduate; for 25 years a surgeon of the medical department of the Saco-Lowell Shops and Pepperell mills; a member of the York, Maine and National Medical societies; a fellow of the American College of Physicians and Surgeons; he was active in local Red Cross and Public Health Nursing services; he was a former member of the board of education and served as a park commissioner for several terms during which time he developed the first children's playground at Clifford park; an active member of the Foss street Methodist church and various organizations connected with the parish, and chairman of the War Memorial field committee of this city.

Besides his widow, the former Carrie Rand Dolloff, a native of Alton whom he wed June 22, 1906, he leaves his aged mother, Mrs. Abigail F. Dolloff, Monroe, a son, Norman H. Dolloff, Los Gatos,

Dr. David E. Dolloff Dies Following Long Illness

California, a daughter, Mrs. Weslene Troy, West Barrington, D. I.; four grandchildren; a brother, Melroy Dolloff, Brooks, a nephew and a niece.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call after 10 a. m. Sunday prior to services to be held there Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Flags Lowered

Mayor Louis B. Lausier has ordered the flags flown at half mast on all public buildings of the city out of respect to Dr. Dolloff.



Dr. David E. Dolloff

JUNE 14, - 1948

Mrs. Edgar Minot, Wife Of Dentist, Is Dead In Saco

Mrs. Mary King Minot, wife of Dr. Edgar H. Minot, retired Saco dentist and president of the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution, a resident of Saco for the past 47 years, died at her home, 431 Main street, Saco, Sunday.

A native of Portland, the daughter of William and Nancy (Dutton) King, she was educated in the schools of that city. While residing in Saco she was an active member and worker of Second Parish Unitarian church, Women's Alliance affiliated with the parish and the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, for many years when health permitted.

Surviving relatives are her husband; two sisters, Mrs. Charles B. Doten, Portland, and Mrs. Ernest Bryant, Nashua, N. H.; a brother, Fred H. King, of San Diego, Cal., several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held from her late home, 431 Main street, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. David Ernest Dolloff, 70, one of southwestern Maine's best known and highly esteemed physicians and surgeons, prominent in local, county, state and national medical circles, church work, and in civic, patriotic and fraternal organizations during the past 40 years he has resided here. He died at his home, 13 Crescent street, Friday evening. His death followed a several months illness. His passing away has caused a call of sorrow over the community, judging by the many expressions of sympathy over the news of his death.

Dr. Dolloff was a native of Monroe, the son of Horace and Abigail F. (Twombly) Dolloff. He received his education in the schools of his home community and the Eastern State Normal school. After receiving his M. D. degree at Bowdoin Medical school in 1907, he served as house physician at Salem, Mass., hospital between 1907-1908.

Opens Office Here

He came to this city in 1908 and started practicing with the late Dr. M. Hubbard Ferguson. He later opened his own offices for practicing his profession. Of genial disposition he soon made a legion of friends. Since that time through skill displayed as a physician and surgeon he steadily built a practice which in itself made enough demand upon his time that many persons marveled how he could find time to devote to his private affairs and his social life. He was considered an expert in his profession and his advice was often sought by both young and old physicians of the two cities as a consulting medical authority in diagnosing certain ailments which proved baffling for them to solve.

A keen student of human nature, he often wrote or supplied information for items in which he desired to express his opinion on current events and outstanding discussed topics of the day. His opinions were usually based on special study and analysis of the subject matter. He was deeply interested in all veterans' affairs. Matters pertaining to civic betterment, as well as for the welfare of the youth of the community always engaged his attention. He was known as one of the most generous men of the community, specially among those needing medical attention, who found their finances too low to obtain the type of treatment and medicinal supplies they needed. Only those close to him realized how many persons went to him for assistance.

He derived a great deal of enjoyment through his friendship with many of the residents of the two cities and usually had a joke or two to relate to his intimate acquaintances and many of his patients. Few doctors are believed to have ever served or devoted so much time and energy to their profession. In late years, specially during World War II, when a scarcity of physicians was feared locally, due to so many of the younger medical men serving in

NOVEMBER 30, 1948

Military Rites Held For Dr. David Dolloff

Full military honors were paid Dr. David E. Dolloff, who served overseas in World War One as a major, chief of staff of the Webber hospital, and a resident of this city for the past 40 years, during services at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Edward F. Allen, minister of the Foss street Methodist church, of which Dr. Dolloff was an active member for a long period of years, was the officiating clergyman.

Included in the large attendance which filled the funeral home to capacity were Mayor Louis B. Lausier, former Mayor Wilfred Landry and various officials of the Biddeford city government, Lester A. Blake of Yarmouth, commander of the state department of the American Legion of Maine, representatives of the York, State of Maine and American Medical societies, as well as numerous surgeons and physicians of the two cities and from different sections of Southwestern Maine, representatives of the Webber Hospital association, members of the physicians and nurses staffs, nurses alumni and ladies auxiliary of the same institution, members of Laconia Lodge of Odd Fellows and Foss street Methodist church, Dunlap Lodge of Masons, Adaha chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Tighe - Beaudoin - Farley post, American Legion, of which the deceased was a past commander, Ladies auxiliary of the post, Biddeford and Saco posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Ladies auxiliaries, Owen Davis post, American Legion, and auxiliary, Alexander MacMillan post, Canadian Legion and auxiliary, Merton Ira Staples post, AMVETS, Colonel L. H. Kendall camp, United Spanish War Veterans, Osher-Edelstein post, Jewish War Veterans, Twin City Detachment Marine Corps League, and members from different other civic, patriotic organizations, industrial and business concerns of the two cities.

The American Legion ritualistic service was conducted before the flag draped casket in which the body attired in American uniform reposed at Greenwood cemetery by Commander Earl Jamieson, chaplain Frank Feinberg and other officers of Tighe-Beaudoin-Farley post prior to a salute being fired by a firing squad of U. S. soldiers at Fort Williams, South Portland and taps being sounded by George N. Velandry, American Legion bugler, and the remains placed in its final resting place in the family lot.

Honorary bearers were: State Department commander Lester Blake, commander Earl Jamieson and past commanders Erwin R. Gowen, Warren F. Libby, Harold Alexander, Conrad Fortier, Alberic Danis, W. Charles Whitworth and Arthur J. Pelouquin of Tighe - Beaudoin - Farley post, American Legion.

DECEMBER 27, 1948.

Webber Hospital Bequest Honors Dr. J. L. Allen

A consultation room in the expanded Webber hospital will honor the memory of Dr. John Larabee Allen, grandfather of Miss Edith Scamman of Saco, through her support of the hospital's \$700,000 building fund program, it was announced today by Roger P. Moore, chairman of the memorial gifts committee.

Dr. Allen, who served with the Union forces as a doctor in the Civil War, died in 1897 only two years before Moses Webber, who bequeathed funds to establish Webber hospital. The doctor received his M. D. from Bowdoin College in 1836 and moved to Saco in 1852 where he practiced until his death. Two daughters, Miss Scamman's mother and aunt, were life members of the Webber Hospital's auxiliary. Miss Scamman is also a life member of that organization.

"This subscription reflects the life of the person memorialized," Mr. Moore said, commenting on the contribution. "Dr. Allen spent the best years of his life safeguarding the health of citizens of Saco and Biddeford, and was among the physicians at the end of the last century who recognized the crucial need for a hospital in the area. Certainly, he would approve of the present program to expand the facilities of our hospital to meet the growing demands for medical care in keeping with the great steps medical science has made during the past decades."

NOVEMBER 8, 1948

Illness Fatal To Mrs. John Robinson

Mrs. Ida Sutherland Robinson, 87, widow of John W. Robinson, editor and publisher of the Biddeford Daily Record for a long time previous to suspension of publication of that local daily several years ago, died at the Bean convalescent home, Nott street, Saco, Sunday, where she had made her residence for five years.

Mrs. Robinson was educated in the local public schools and was one of the last surviving members of the 1880 graduating class of Biddeford High school. She resided on Graham street, this city, for many years before going to Saco to live.

She is survived by her son, Professor Kenneth A. Robinson, instructor of English at Dartmouth college, Hanover, N. H., a nephew, Donald Sutherland of Miami, Fla., and a niece, Miss Lillian Sutherland of Clinton, Iowa.

The body is at the William A. Cosgrove funeral home, 326 Elm street. Strictly private funeral services will be held Tuesday at an hour which is pending until the arrival of Professor Robinson in this city. Rev. E. J. Templeton, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Saco, will officiate at the rites.

JANUARY 17, 1949

Illness Fatal To Linwood Berry, 72

Linwood L. Berry, 72, a life-long resident of the two cities, prominent in local musical and dramatic circles in this section of York county during his younger career, died at a Hollis rest home early today following an extended illness.

A native of Saco, the son of the late Ira and Lydia Berry, he was educated in the public schools of that city and Thornton academy, where he was prominent in football circles starring at an end position. He was one of the fastest wingmen on any scholastic team in the state.

After leaving school he was employed at the Charles Stockman furniture store on Alfred street in this city for some time. Later he worked in the pattern division of the York mills in Saco for many years before going to Lewiston to work at a textile plant. In late years at various times he was employed in the Saco street department previous to retiring due to illness.

He leaves no near relatives. The body is at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, where friends may call prior to services there Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NOVEMBER 19, 1948

Mrs. T. B. Walker Dies Suddenly

Mrs. Alice Edna Walker, 65, wife of Attorney Thomas B. Walker, 247 Elm street, and mother of Recorder Edwin G. Walker of the Biddeford municipal court, died suddenly at her home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Walker was born in Exeter, N. H., the daughter of the late Edwin and Sarah (Doliff) Chick. She came to this city 50 years ago and had retained residence here since. She was a member of the 1902 graduating class of Biddeford high school, and for many years previous to marriage, she served as a teacher of the rural and city schools here.

Mrs. Walker was one of the persons responsible for the institution of Girl Scouts troops in this city several years ago and had devoted much of her leisure time since them to many promotion programs sponsored by troops in the two cities while serving both as a leader and later as a member of the Girl Scouts Council. She was a member of Adaha chapter, No. 1, Order of Eastern Star and of Second Parish Congregational church.

Besides her husband and two sons, Edwin G. and Roger, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Deans and three grandchildren all of this city, an aunt, Mrs. George Hill, Kennebunkport and a cousin, Albert Dolliff, Portland.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call prior to funeral services there Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

JUNE 14, 1949

Roderic D. Tarr Dies Today In Boston Hospital

Former Official At Saco-Lowell

Roderic D. Tarr, retired, former works manager at the Saco-Lowell Shops, a resident of the Portland road, Saco, died suddenly at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital in Boston this morning. He retired in 1945.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Tarr of this city. He was a member of the Biddeford High school graduating class of 1892. He later attended the University of Maine.

Besides his widow, Mary, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Albert Benton, and a granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Benton, all of Saco.

The body has been brought to the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Funeral arrangements were uncompleted today.

NOVEMBER 17, 1949

Mrs. Levi Webber Is Dead In Saco

Mrs. Helen G. Webber, 80, widow of Levi Webber, died this morning at the Wardwell home, 43 Middle street, Saco, where she had made her home for five years.

She was born in Biddeford the daughter of Solon and Elizabeth (Boston) Andrews. She was a member of the Foss street Methodist church.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 from the Wardwell home.

NOVEMBER 28, 1949

Rites Wednesday For F. E. Parker, Retired Postman

Frank Edward Parker, a resident of this city for over 40 years and a retired mail carrier, died early this morning at his home, 155 South street, following a long illness. He was 77 years old.

He was born in Buxton the son of Benjamin and Katie (McGinley) Parker and was a mail carrier in this city for many years. He was prominent in Masonic circles, a member of Dunlap Lodge, F. and AM., York Royal Chapter No. 5, Maine Council and Bradford Commandery, the Kora Temple Shrine and a member of East Randolph, Vt. Baptist church.

He is survived by one sister Harriet L. Parker, this city.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, and burial will be in the East Randolph cemetery, Randolph, Vt.

Married Fifty Years



...Mr. and Mrs. George E. Dudley, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their South street home yesterday by holding open house in the afternoon and evening. During the day they were presented with a purse by neighbors and friends.

JUNE 30, 1949

Reception Held As Couple Marks Golden Wedding

Dudleys Feted At Home Party

An informal reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. George Edward Dudley, 220 South street, at their home Wednesday evening, arranged by a group of their intimate friends and neighbors in assisting them observe their 50th wedding anniversary during the evening open-house hours.

Robert Hutchinson, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hutchinson, Ogunquit, formerly of this city, in behalf of the relatives and friends group arranging the occasion, presented the honored couple with a purse of money. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley both expressed their gratitude. A large number of miscellaneous gifts, phone calls, telegrams and floral bouquets were also received by the 50 years wedded pair during the day.

Included in the reception guests were Mrs. Catherine (Tibbets) Carter and Mrs. Lillian (Goldthwaite) Furbush, both of this city, who were members of the original bridal party when Mr.

and Mrs. Dudley were wed 50 years ago. Mrs. Carter served as a flower girl, while Mrs. Furbush was one of the bridesmaids.

Assisting in entertaining and serving during the open house hours and reception were Mrs. Reginald McAdoo, Mrs. C. Raymond Means, Mrs. Melbourne F. Means, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Mrs. Armand Reny, Mrs. George Carroll Carter, Mrs. Charles Paquin.

The Dudley home was decorated for the event with garden flowers and blossoms of the season.

APRIL 18, 1949

Mrs. George Haley Dies In Philadelphia

Mrs. Ethel B. Haley, widow of Judge George F. Haley, well-known resident of Saco, died Sunday morning at the home of her niece, Mrs. Bernice Krom, Philadelphia, Pa.

She was the daughter of Augustus and Anna (Lamont) Bowie.

She leaves two nieces, Mrs. Walter Blake and Mrs. Bernice Krom, both of Philadelphia, and one nephew, Maurice Merrill, of Portland.

Funeral service will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday evening.

June 20, 1949

Melvin Wilbur, Postal Worker Of Saco, Dies

Melvin Earle Wilbur, 48, assistant postmaster at the Saco post office for the past three years, a lifelong resident of the two cities who during the past 27 years served as a postal clerk and mail carrier at the Saco postal bureau, died at his home, 4 Goodale avenue, Saco, Sunday following a lengthy illness.

He was born in this city, the son of the late Melvin and Gretchen Wilbur. He was educated in the local schools, graduated from Biddeford High school and later attended Gray's Business College, Portland. He was a member of Saco Lodge, F. & A. M.; past high priest of York Chapter; a past thrice illustrious master of Maine Council, No. 7, Royal and Select Masters; a 32nd degree Mason; a past patron and member of Annette Chapter, No. 184, Order of the Eastern Star. He was a member of different postal clerks organizations; a member of the Saco United Baptist church and at the time of his death was moderator of the church society.

Besides his widow, the former Isabelle Alexander, he leaves two sons, Melvin L. Wilbur, 2nd, and Robert E. Wilbur, both of Saco; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Bishop, and a granddaughter, both of Caribou; and a half-brother, Waldemar W. Von Scheven, Andover, Mass.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call up to 10 this evening and prior to the funeral to be held there Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

APRIL 22, 1949

Illness Fatal To Mrs. Paul T. Cobb; Funeral On Sunday

Mrs. Sybil F. Cobb, 57, wife of Paul T. Cobb, a resident of Saco for 15 years, and a native of this city, died at her Ferry road, Saco, home late Thursday afternoon following a long illness.

She was born in this city, the daughter of George and Caroline (Maddox) Bennett, and was educated here. She was a member of the Foss street Methodist church; a past matron of Adah chapter, O. E. S., a past president of the Secretaries Association of Maine, O. E. S.; Daughters of Amaranth, and the Thursday club.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Chandler B. Cobb, Kittery; one grandson, Calvin B. Cobb, Kittery; and her father.

The body is at the Shumway funeral home, Spring street, Saco, and funeral services will be held there Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Recalls Old Times

Editor of The Herald:

Last week one morning I went to Kittery Point, to the spot where I was born, to see the Eastern Yacht fleet get under way for sea and and talked with Brackett Lewis. We talked of the days when there were many fishermen at anchor in the harbor that one could walk from Fishing Island to Fort Point, New Castle, the decks of these vessels, and brought other memories of Admiral Farragut's death at the navy yard the ships that came here to escort the body to Washington, D. C.; also of the Farraday, the English ship that had the cable which comes ashore at Beach, and the bringing of the body of Mr. Peabody, an American who made a fortune in England; also the Greeley fleet in 1884. This is truly a historic spot. We talked of men who have long been dead, of the fish schooner Eldorado, Capt. Abe Deane, which sailed from Kittery Point to return, and taking 19 young men to sea on their last voyage; how my mother's people went to sea in the War of the Revolution and in 1812 suffered death and imprisonment in an English prison that this government might live, and of the War of the Rebellion, when they again went forth to do battle for this same government.

Mr. Lewis told me of the death of Charles N. Billings at Burnside's Mass. July 29, 1864, and how they dug his grave with their bayonets on the firing line.

In 1898 I went to Cuba, the Philippines and China. My brother Edward was a prisoner of Aguinaldo's for nine months and I met him on the U. S. S. Monterey at Manila, while serving on that ship, and on the Don Juan De Austria in the Philippine Insurrection. Recently I received a letter from President Hoover's military aide, Capt. Allen Buchanan, who served on the same ship in the Boxer war and the Philippine campaign.

It has cost money and lives that we might enjoy the blessings of liberty. I often wonder do the young people of today realize how much it cost.

F. C. Pinkham.
Kittery, Me.

July 25.

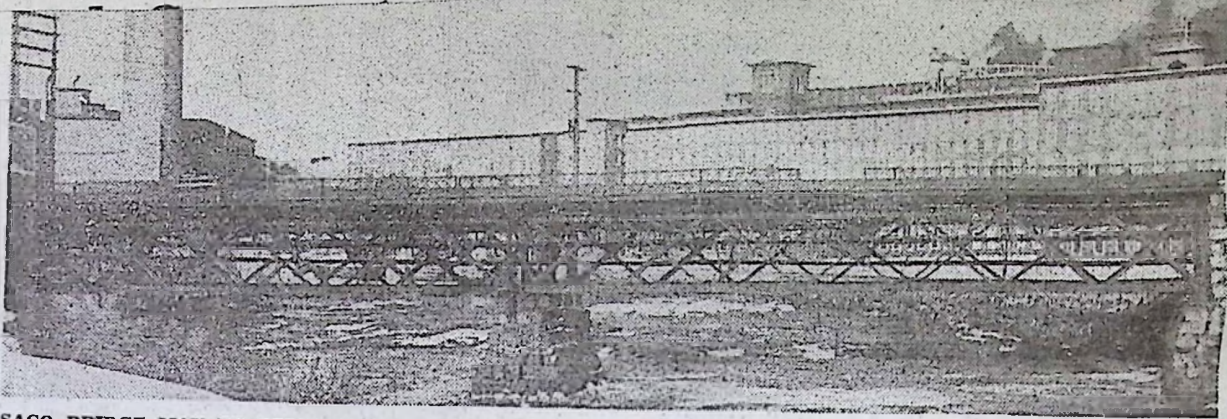
APRIL 30,

Rites Tuesday For Pvt. Michael Boland

The body of Pvt. Michael W. Boland will arrive in this city Tuesday morning, according to a notice received by the Cote funeral home, 119 Lincoln street, Saco. The body will then be taken to the funeral home where friends may call Tuesday morning previous to the funeral services which will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 in St. Mary cemetery, this city.

Born in this city, he graduated from Biddeford high school and was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name society. He was associated with the Bugbee and Brown Company of this city.

Besides his mother, Mrs. Mary Boland, 45 High street, he leaves one sister, Mrs. Richard Murphy of the Old Orchard road in Saco.



SACO BRIDGE MAY BE REBUILT—The Biddeford-Saco Main Street Bridge, on Alternate Route 1, condemned about 25 years ago, may be rebuilt this year. Survey last Fall showed upper part badly deteriorated. City governments have said they intend

to start work this year. Project would cost State \$48,752, York County \$52,800, Biddeford \$49,456 and Saco \$24,922. Some reinforcement was made in 1930 and 1936 following flood damage.

By Press Herald Photographer

APRIL 12, 1949

Sweetser Will Showed Wealth Of Foresight

Following is a copy of the speech given by Ann Prescott Hewes in the recent public speaking contest among pupils of the eighth grade of the C. K. Burns school, Saco. It was requested by several journal subscribers. Editor's note.

Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow

It was a momentous occasion when Cornelius Sweetser walked into the Main street office of Lawyer Hampton Fairfield, in the early summer of 1880—momentous for the future citizens of Saco, for he was intent on making his last will and testament disposing of his \$300,000 estate.

Mr. Sweetser was a distinguished-looking gentleman with a crop of curly hair, an affable smile and look of wisdom which portrayed a human understanding of his fellowmen. He was liked by everybody and looked upon with the highest esteem in the political, religious and social life of this city.

He came here from Massachusetts in 1846, when he was 38 years old. He brought with him his wife, and a sizeable amount of money which together they had accumulated through habits of thrift and frugality. They made their home at 339 Main street, the present home of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Barnstead, better known as the Dennett house. His father had taught him to make boots and shoes, and he established a small factory where the Scontras shoe store now is.

One day the late Enoch Lowell met him on the street and inquired how things were going. Said Mr. Sweetser, "We didn't find it too hard to save the first thousand dollars and now we are aiming at ten thousand." He not only made shoes but dipped into real estate, and by prudent conservatism and integrity, amassed the fortune that he left at his death. He died of a heart attack Dec. 20, 1881.

The will itself is a remarkable document of 43 items, each showing a great deal of thought and shrewdness in disposing of the amounts named.

The first two items pertain to the handling of his estate, requesting that the provisions of the will be fully carried out in the order named as fast as the funds allowed.

Item 3 set apart \$50,000, the net income of which was to be paid to his widow upon demand. In a later item, he added \$50,000 more to that sum. He also willed her the use of the family dwelling with all the household goods, "my horse, carriage and harness."

In the following items were sums set aside for numerous of their relatives, as well as many public bequests. It is the latter which interest the people of Saco for, it seems to me, everybody is benefited by these. For instance, who is not struck by the beauty of Laurel Hill cemetery, Pepperell Park, York Institute and the Sweetser Home for Boys? Mr. Sweetser was extremely fond of flowers and landscaping and wanted such places to be beautiful, thus adding to the enjoyment of all.

He was generous with all classes of deserving people and gave money to the Wardwell Home; the "Baxter Sabbath School" whose work is now done by the Salvation Army; the Saco Provident Society and the City Missionary to be used among the needy and the poor. He left money for a home for unfortunate York county boys. He also remembered all the school children in the city. Through the Sweetser Library fund, books are added yearly to all Sunday school libraries as well as to the Dyer and Thornton Academy libraries.

While all these items are important, items 15 and 27 seem to me to be outstanding—especially since they effect me directly.

Items 15 reads as follows: "I direct my said trustees to pay over to said city of Saco the sum of \$5000 to be received and held by said city in trust for the following use.

1st. To invest the same securely.

2nd. To expend the income yearly in providing such lectures as will tend to improve and elevate the public mind and to impose a reasonable fee for admission to said lectures and pay over the net proceeds thereof to the trustees of the Saco Provident Association—to be distributed among the worthy poor of said Saco." While this form of enter-

tainment is not popular just at present, it has made possible many enjoyable evening in the past at small expense. How many of you remember the musicians who appeared in City Hall three years ago—a man and woman who sang and danced in costume and their accompanist who really was an artist at the piano?

Item 27 set up the Sweetser School Fund, directing the City of Saco to safely invest \$5,000 "the yearly income to be expended under the direction of the School Supervisor of Committee for the best interests of the public schools." Some of that income is now used for prizes for this

public speaking contest, inspiring the boys and girls of this school to try hard to make a worthwhile appearance in public.

Throughout the will it is noticeable that the donor gave very little money outright. Most of it was left in trust to be wisely invested, with only the income to be spent. Thanks to the trustees, the money has been well invested; the funds have grown and it has been possible to carry out all the bequests.

There is a moral to my remarks, on the Cornelius Sweetser will; namely, it isn't what you earn that counts, but what you save.

"Tall Oaks from Little Acorns Grow."

—August 3, 1929.

Editor of The Herald:—

I was very glad to see your statement regarding flying the American flag above the English. This can only be done in time of war when an English ship is captured.

In 1899 I went to the Island of Samoa in the Pacific Ocean from San Francisco on the U. S. S. Brutus. There was trouble at that time we sailed under sealed orders to be opened, off the Farolone Islands. They ordered us to proceed with all dispatch to Apia, Samoan Islands. This we did making it in 21 days. When we got there we were sent ashore to relieve the crew of the U. S. S. Philadelphia, Rear Admiral Kautz, Capt. White. Both were at this yard. I talked with them both at different periods. I helped rig the U. S. S. Lancaster under Capt. White as he was equipment officer at that time in 1889.

They had an uprising there between two factions of the people. They killed the executive officer of the English

ship Taranquar, and an ensign and some sailors and marines of both ships. The natives cut off the heads of the officers as trophies of war, and the cars of the enlisted men.

J. William Laird of this town, who recently passed away, was shot through both legs. He was one of the Philadelphia's crew. As we went into Apia the Royalist, an English ship, came out flying her homeward bound pennant. We lay there three months.

When the trouble was settled the U. S. S. Badger came down from San Francisco with three envoys on board, an American, an Englishman and a German. The three flags had to be all on the same level, as any other way would have been an insult.

They blamed the German consul for the outbreak. Maletora was king. Matoba, his uncle, tried to usurp the throne, so they fought the English and Americans tried to stop the fight which they did with loss of these men.

I can see and hear those warriors as they came around a point, singing their war song in their war canoes to surrender the rebel king on his throne rigged in the stern of a large canoe, decorated with beautiful flowers. We took a thousand warriors home to the Island of Fanga Fanga. When we arrived about two miles from land, they all jumped overboard and swam ashore.

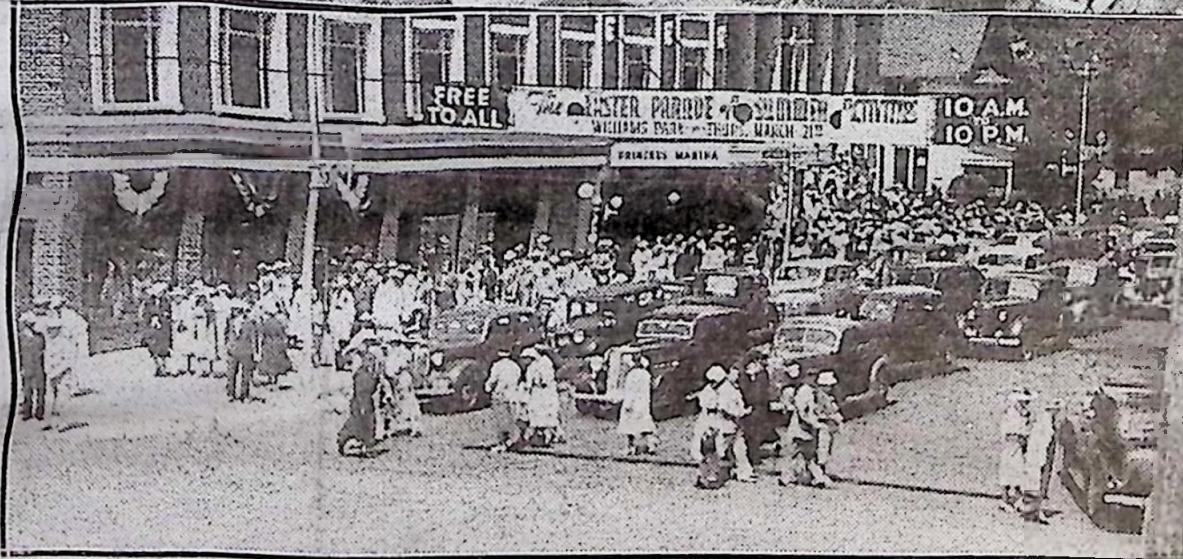
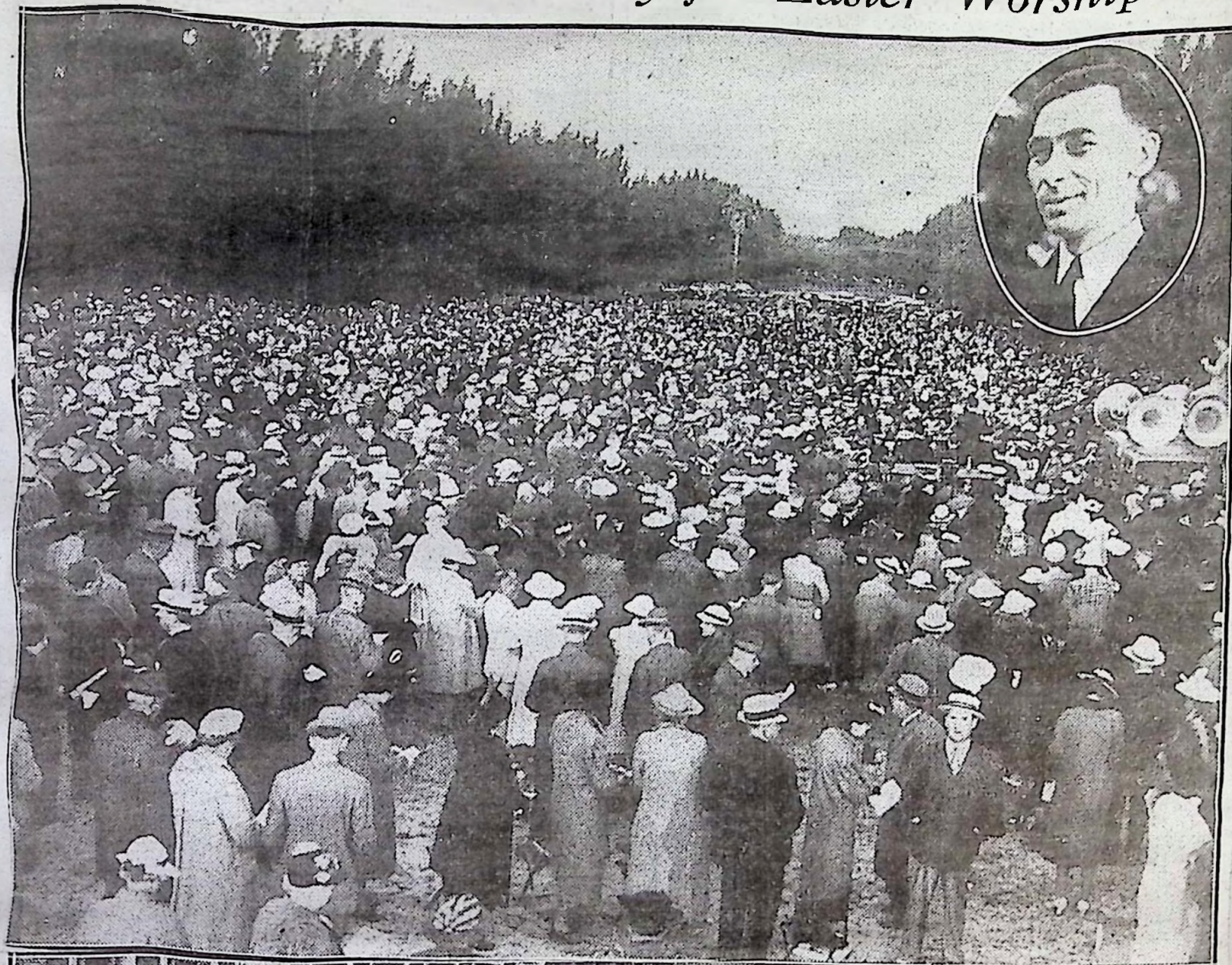
F. C. PINKHAM.

Kittery, Me.

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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, MONDAY, MARCH 25, 1940.

Thousands Out Sunday for Easter Worship



Size of the crowd that attended the St. Petersburg Ministerial association's annual sunrise Easter service on the Vinoy fill, Sunday morning, can be judged by the top picture. It was estimated that 4,000 attended the service. Bottom picture shows the Easter parade on Fourth street north, at the close of morning services at the First Baptist and other nearby churches. Inset in top view is picture of Rev. J. Wallace Hamilton, who delivered sermon at sunrise service. (A. P. Hull photos.)

4,000 Attend Sunrise Easter Service Sunday

An estimated throng of 4,000 early-risers gathered at the Vinoy park fill before dawn yesterday morning to attend the sunrise Easter service, conducted annually by the St. Petersburg Ministerial association.

Rev. Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton, pastor of the Pasadena Community

church, delivered the Easter sermon, speaking on "If a Man Does Not Believe, Is He to Blame?"

He likened modern civilization to Doubting Thomas and said "This is the Thomas age. We believe our fears and doubt our hopes."

Materialists, he said, miss a great deal of life "for the most powerful forces in life are unseen, intangible. Yet out of them come

the very finest things we know. If we had to wait for explanations we would not eat a meal or drink a glass of water."

Presiding at the service was Rev. W. Edward Stokesberry, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian church U. S. A. Warren Willis directed the music. Glenn Miller sang Knapp's "Open the Gates of the Temple," and Lorna Ballengee, Wilbur Elttreim and Dick Spencer, trumpeters, sounded the call to worship.

AUGUST 13, 1949

PURCHASE LOT

Napoleon and Delina Verrier, of this city, have purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, Lot 36, owned by Arthur W. Andrews, on the shore front, at Hills Beach. The Verriers have purchased the site for a cottage.

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Eleanor Perkins, Saco, Weds Robert E. Cool Of Lynn, Mass. 1949.



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Saco, June 19.—Miss Eleanor Mary Perkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Perkins, 52 Nott Street, became the bride of Robert Ernest Cool, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest R. Cool, Lynn, Mass., at the School Street Methodist Church, Saturday afternoon.

The Rev. Alfred H. Ives, minister of the church, officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a gown of white satin with a marquise yolk and a satin Bertha collar, a bouffant skirt and a long cathedral train. Her finger-tip Madonna veil was caught with a wreath of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of orchids and white roses.

Attending the bride were her twin sister, Elizabeth Grace Perkins, as maid of honor, and bridesmaids, Miss Barbara Welch of Presque Isle; Miss Joyce Ann Hagen, South Portland; Miss Marjorie Dennett, Saco, and Mrs. Mary Sawyer Jordan, Brewer.

Best man was Harry S. Hawkes of Island Falls, and the flower girl was little Miss Cynthia Perkins, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Richard Spiller, Westbrook; James Beaudry, Portland; Elmer Biggers, Thomaston, and Richard Cutts, Kittery. The bridegroom, best man and the ushers are members of the Phi Eta Kappa Fraternity at the University of Maine.

A reception at the vestry was held immediately following the ceremony with nearly 300 guests attending. Miss Jeanne Scammon, RN, was in charge of the guest book.

The couple are on a wedding trip to Washington, and on their return will reside at Lynn, Mass. The bride wore a blue outfit with

white accessories for travelling.

The bride is a graduate of Thornton Academy and the University of Maine. She has been employed in the clerical department of the Saco-Lowell Shops. Cool attended Lynn schools, served three and a half years in the navy, and graduated this June from the University of Maine.

JUNE 3, 1949

Miss Elizabeth Emery Dies Suddenly In Saco

Miss Elizabeth W. Emery, a lifelong resident of the two cities, died suddenly at the home of her cousin, Mrs. Carlyle Atkinson, 339 Main street, Saco, late Thursday afternoon. She was 68 years old.

Born in this city, the daughter of John and Parnell (Scott) Emery, she was employed for many years as a bookkeeper at the York Manufacturing Company in Saco. She also trained for nursing at the Trull Hospital Training school. In later years, previous to making her home with Mrs. Atkinson, she was engaged in practical nursing.

She was a member of Evangeline Rebekah Lodge of this city and of Trinity Episcopal church in Saco.

She leaves two sisters, Mrs. Joseph Hill and Mrs. Rufus L. Doe, both of Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

Mrs. Gardner Whiton Is Dead At Gardiner

Mrs. Frances E. Whiton, widow of Gardner W. Whiton, died this morning in a Gardiner convalescent home. Her late home was at 34 Pleasant street, Saco.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 from the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, and interment will be in Laurel Hill cemetery.

MRS. GARDNER WHITON

Funeral services for Mrs. Frances E. Whiton, widow of Gardner W. Whiton, a resident of the two cities for many years, who died in Gardiner Friday, will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Monday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

She was a native of Saco, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Edgecomb. She was educated in the Saco schools and Thornton Academy. She was a past regent of Rebecca Emery chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

She leaves a brother, Alexander Edgecomb, of Saco.

F And I Union Officers MONDAY EVENING, MAY 9, 1949



Officers of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union were elected at a recent meeting and among leaders who will direct the club for the coming year are, seated, left to right: Mrs. William W. Rawlinson, president; Miss Helen Hill, treasurer. Back row, left to right: Mrs. Denison Schwenpe, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Loyal Grant, clerk.

AUGUST 25, 1949

Rites Saturday For Mrs. Robert Glidden

Mrs. Ruth Ellen Glidden, 49, wife of Robert H. Glidden, died at her home, 46 Franklin street, Saco, this morning, after a lengthy illness.

A native of Touisset, Mass., the daughter of Charles W. and Ethel Murch Pike, she had resided in Saco for 35 years. For many years she was an active member of Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Saco Lodge of Rebekahs and the United Baptist church, Saco.

Besides her husband and parents, she leaves two daughters, Mrs. Walter Alexander, of this city, and Miss Madeline Brackett; two grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Raymond Taylor and Mrs. Frank Bell, Jr., Mrs. Lilla Potter, Malden, Mass., Miss Delma Pike, Perkinsville, Vt., Mrs. Lloyd Boothby, Meridith, N. H., and a brother, George M. Pike, Ballston Spa, N. Y.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call prior to services there Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 26, 1949

William H. Vinton Dies Suddenly At Age Of 77 Years

William H. Vinton, a life-long resident of Saco, died very suddenly at his summer home at Osipee Lake yesterday, at the age of 77.

He was born in Saco, the son of Ernest E. and Cassie (Harmon) Vinton. For more than 30 years he operated a hardware store and was also a well known painting contractor. In his younger years he was a member of the Saco fire department and later was overseer of the poor for two years. He was a member of Saco Lodge, F. and A. M., a member of Bradford Commandery, K. T., this city, and Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston.

He is survived by one niece, Mrs. John L. Armstrong, Saco.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends may call at the home after 10 Tuesday morning.

JULY 6, 1949

Ralph W. Hawkes Dies; Official Of Power Company

Ralph W. Hawkes, 59, of 40 Vernon street, Saco, superintendent of the York County division of the Central Maine Power company, widely known in New England electric power and financial circles died at a local hospital Tuesday evening, where he had been receiving treatment in recent weeks.

While he had been in failing health in recent years and forced to take brief rest periods, he continued to administer the duties of his position as well as his duties as vice president of the York National Bank, Saco, during the larger part of the time.

A native of this city, the son of the late George F. and Lillian (Wilson) Hawkes, he was educated in the local public schools and was a member of the 1908 graduating class of Biddeford High school. After completing his education in that school, he obtained employment as an office boy at the York County Light and Heat offices on Main street and during the past 40 years that he was connected with that concern and its successors, through gradual promotions, he rose to the high ranking office he held at the time of death.

Books and coins were among his outstanding hobbies. At one time during his late life he had the distinction of possessing one of the most valuable and rare collections owned by any individual in the entire state.

The services of Mr. Hawkes were often solicited both locally and in other places as an arbitrator in attempting to settle labor and tax disputes. It was largely through his recommendations during the late Mayor George E. Beauchesne administration that a strike in the Pepperell mills was settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. Later during the administration of the late Mayor Dr. F. H. Mitchell, he performed similar services in a tax assessment controversy between the city of Biddeford and the Pepperell mills after the officials of the concern had threatened to move out of town.

One of the veteran employees of the division of which Mr. Hawkes had charge, after learning of his death, this morning, in paying tribute to his employer, said he was a man "who was always interested in the safety of his employees while performing hazardous labors and for their general daily welfare."

In addition to being vice president and a member of the board of directors of the York National bank, Saco, he was a member of the board of directors of the Webber Hospital association, this city, and the Mutual theatre of Saco; a

member of the board of trustees of Laurel Hill Cemetery association and Sweetser orphanage. He was a member of the various Masonic organizations of the two cities and of Kora Temple Shrine, Lewiston. He was an active member of the Biddeford-Saco Chamber of Commerce and Biddeford-

Saco Rotary club, and served on many important committees of both organizations for many years.

Besides his widow, Mildred Sands Hawkes, he leaves two sons, George L. Hawkes of Philadelphia, and Ralph W. Hawkes, Jr., of Saco.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call after 4 p. m. Thursday until services are held there Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

JULY 9, 1949

Funeral Rites Held For Ralph Hawkes

Funeral services for Ralph W. Hawkes, Vernon street, Saco, vice president of the York National



Ralph W. Hawkes

bank of that city and division superintendent of the Central Maine Power company, were held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Included in the gathering were several prominent out-of-town Central Maine Power company officials; local officials and employees of the York division of the concern of which Mr. Hawkes had charge for many years; large representative groups of the York National bank, Biddeford-Saco Rotary club, Webber hospital association, and from other organizations and fraternal societies of which the deceased was a member.

Rev. Stanley A. Gould, minister of First Parish Congregational church, Saco, conducted the simple services. Burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

The bearers were Joseph C. Deering, William E. Shaw, George Harmon, William Sweetser, Bernard C. Brown and Matthias Stone.

June 20, 1949

Miss Angie Newcomb Dies At Age Of 86

Miss Angie P. Newcomb, 86, practically a lifelong resident of Biddeford and Saco, the last surviving member of one of the

oldest families of the two cities, died at her home at Old Orchard Beach late Sunday evening where she had resided for the past two and one-half years.

She was born here, the daughter of the late Simon and Mary (Parcher) Newcomb. Her father was the owner and operator of a shoe shop located on South street in the rear of City building, one of the first establishments of its type in this section of York county. Miss Newcomb attended the local schools and graduated from Biddeford high school in the class of 1882. She was a great lover of art and achieved considerable fame for her personal art work and oil painting. She was a member of the Second Congregational church of this city.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MAY 13, 1949

Account Filed In Estate Of Jane E. Owen

The first and final account in the estate of Jane E. Owen, this city, was presented in Probate court at Alfred Wednesday by the executors of the will, Atty. Thomas B. Walker and Arthur F. Maxwell, and allowed by Judge Joseph E. Harvey.

The personal property amounted to \$448,420.65, according to the inventory and was increased to \$468,292.23 by sale of some portions over the appraisal value. The latter amount is wholly accounted for by payments and bequests and the sum of is \$378,280.14 now in the hands of Walker

and Maxwell as trustees of the estates.

The bequests comprised \$17,812.49 and books at \$243.50 to the McArthur Library Association; jewelry and clothing at \$4,826.50 to Theresa Cantillon; and cash bequests as follows: Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., \$5,000; Bowdoin College Brunswick, \$5,000; Webber Hospital Association, \$5,000; First Universalist Society of Saco and Biddeford, \$1,000; William Penn Charter School, Philadelphia, Pa., \$2,000; Almina L. McArthur, Saco, \$2,000; Emma F. Snell Henry H. Owen, Margaret Snell, David L. Mowry, Woonsocket, R. I., \$1,000 each, and William Sullivan, Woonsocket, \$500.

MARCH 25, 1949

Mrs. Marion Farwell Dies At Age Of 82

Mrs. Marion B. Farwell, 82, a resident of Saco for many years and a former matron of the Wardwell Home, died at her home on the Ferry road, Saco, Thursday afternoon.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, the daughter of Thomas and Marion (Johnston) Nicol, she came to this

country, and was a graduate nurse, graduating from the Waltham Training school, Waltham, Mass., where she practiced for many years. When she returned to Saco she became matron at the Wardwell home and retired seven years ago. She was a member of the Saco United Baptist church.

She is survived by a brother, William J. Nicol, Saco; a sister, Mrs. Caroline Goodier, Saco, and a niece, Miss Bettina Goodier, of New York City.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

June Graduate

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Muriel V. Maxwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur F. Maxwell, Alfred street, will be graduated from the Northfield School for Girls, East Northfield, Mass., Monday. Miss Maxwell has been a library representative, member of the choir, Tau Pi dramatic society and library council, as well as being active in extracurricular sports.

THE OLD SETTLER —SAYS—

The Pepperell mansion at Kittery will probably be visited by a number of people this week, who came to York county to attend the 300th anniversary of the founding of the county. It's interior is one of the finest to be found in Maine colonial mansions. The staircase remains unchanged and is one of beauty and a joy to beholders, with its panelled steps and soffits, gracefully hand-carved balusters and fluted newel posts crowned with armorial designs. It is a stairway that gives substantial dignity to the house. It still retains its pristine beauty of architecture, a model that latter day houses would do well to follow. On those same stairs many a famous beauty of her day has sat out dances with great statesmen and politicians of the day. It was in the Pepperell house that Washington once stayed and he must have descended the very staircase, and perhaps paused to listen to the grandfather's clock on the stairs, as it ticked the long hours away.

ONCE UPON A TIME...



UNDERWOOD SPRING CASINO—"Sumptuous" shore dinners were a specialty at this Falmouth Foreside spot, "reached by a breezy trolley ride of five miles on the Portland-Yarmouth division of the Portland electric. The sea is ever present during the ride, reaching away on the one hand, while fertile farms and orchards bordered by vine-hung stone walls line the road." This photograph, recalling one of the popular summer resorts of a half century ago, begins a series of views of the Greater Portland our forefathers knew.

Sunday Telegram Magazine — September 25, 1949



Recollections Of Maine's Past

The old Cape Cottage Theater, Cape Elizabeth, once heralded far and wide as one of the finest strictly summer resort theaters and now but a memory, is here pictured in its heyday in the early 1900's.

Erected in 1897 by the Portland and Cape Elizabeth Railroad Company and bought by the Portland Street Railway Company in 1901, the theater, which seated 1,024, gave many noteworthy plays and entertained many famous players.

A round trip ticket to Cape Cottage carried with it free admission to the theater; an extra fee was charged for reserved seats.

When the day of the musical comedy and stock productions temporarily passed, the theater was sold to private parties who used it as a movie theater, finally tore it down in 1921 to make use of the lumber in it.

MARCH 4, 1949

Illness Fatal To Mrs. Leroy Haley

Mrs. Grace Frost Haley, widow of Leroy Haley, died early this morning at a local hospital after a short illness.

She was born in Springvale Sept. 19, 1868, daughter of Edward and Sarah Frost. She was educated in the schools of that town, married Leroy Haley, attorney-at-law, in 1891, and moved to Biddeford four years later. At the time of her death she was residing with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. Burton Stride, Ferry road, Saco.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mrs. Esther H. Parmenter, of Portland, Mrs. Irene H. Stride of Saco; four grandchildren, Thomas E. Parmenter of Wilmington, Delaware, Robert H. Parmenter of Portland, Mrs. Stedman C. Pool of Providence, R. I., Richard J. Stride of Saco, and one sister, Mrs. George A. Shaw of Brockton, Mass.

During her younger days, Mrs. Haley was active in social and civic affairs of the community. She was a member of the First Universalist church of Biddeford, a charter member of the Thursday club, and an ardent worker for the International Institute.

Funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, Sunday at 2 o'clock.

JUNE 11, 1949

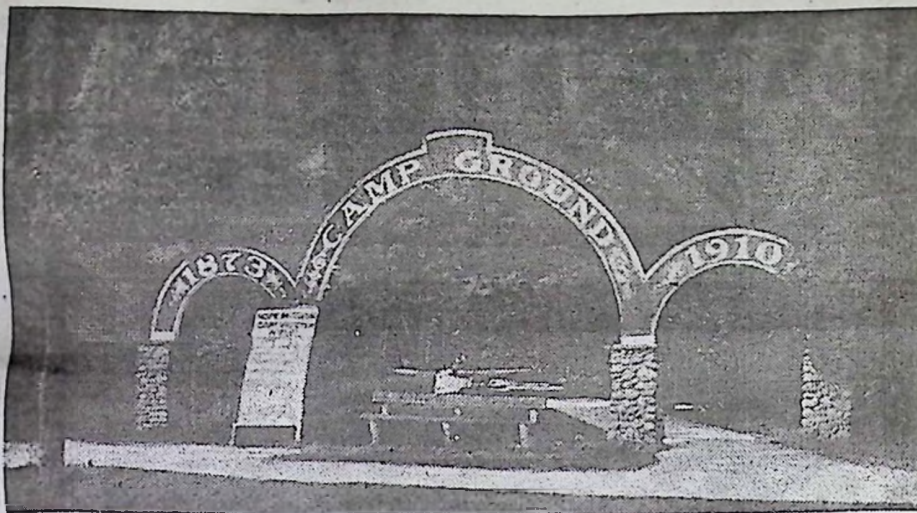
Rites Monday For Dr. Jesse Haley

Dr. Jesse D. Haley, 88, retired Saco physician and for many years one of the two cities' leading physicians, died Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret H. Fowles, Detroit, Mich. where he had made his home in recent years.

A native of Cornish, the son of Benjamin F. and Mary (Wedge-wood) Haley, he spent his early life and received his first education in that town. A short time after he had graduated from medical school and passed the state board examinations he opened offices in Saco and followed this profession for a long period of years before retiring in 1930. Dr. Haley and family made their home for many years previous to his removal from the city at 319 Main street, Saco. While residing in Maine he was prominently in the York County and State Medical associations and served as a member of the Webber hospital staff of surgeons and physicians for many years.

Besides his daughter, he leaves a grandson, Frank I. Fowles, Jr. and great grandson, Frank I. Fowles, 3rd.

The body will be forwarded to Saco and taken to the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where services will be held on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Burial will be in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.



Recollections Of Maine's Past

The gateway to the famous Methodist Camp Ground at Old Orchard Beach represents a long history of religious activity. Founded in 1873 by the Old Orchard Camp Meeting Association, a group of Methodists from Kennebunk who were seeking a larger place of worship, the Camp Ground is now in its 76th year of unbroken service.

The grounds include 50 acres of beautiful woodland. The outdoor, tree-shaded, natural amphitheatre, which seats 5000, has been the scene of many big conferences and the program scheduled for this Summer is an ambitious one.

The date of 1910 on the gateway has no significance except that it indicates the year in which the gate was constructed. Sunday Telegram Magazine — July 24, 1949

-Wednesday Morning, August 17, 1949

Portland Press Herald — Portland, Maine

Eugene C. Carll, Former Legislator In State, Dies Here After Illness

Eugene C. Carll, 91, former state senator and trustee of Maine state institutions for 21 years, died Tuesday after a long illness in the Falmouth Hotel where he had resided for nearly 33 years.

He was a former alderman in the Augusta City Council, former secretary of the Augusta Board of Health, director of the Casco Bank and Trust Company, Portland, and former Buxton town officer. He served in the State Senate from York County in 1935. Famed as the first man to can golden bantam corn successfully, he was former owner of Carll Canning Company, Buxton and Gorham.

Mr. Carll was born at Buxton, Sept. 17, 1857, son of William F. and Abigail Larrabee Carll. He was a graduate of Gorham Seminary and former member of Buxton Grange, Knights of Pythias, Sons of Veterans and Sons of American Revolution. For many years Carll was associated with George E. Macomber in the insurance business at Augusta, Portland and Gorham.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Pearl C. Heath, Danbury, Conn., four grandchildren, Carl M. Heath, Gorham; Harold M. Heath and Mrs. Helen Bruckman, Danbury, and Mrs. Kathleen H. Stovekeen, Jersey City, N. J., and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at Neal Funeral Home, Gorham, at 2 p. m., Thursday, the Rev. Harrison W. Dubbs officiating. Interment will be in Free Baptist Cemetery, Buxton.

APRIL 4, 1949

Widow Of Founder Of Trull Hospital Dies In California

Word has been received in the two cities of the death in Venice, Calif., last Tuesday of Mrs. Jennie Cross Brown, wife of G. Allen Brown, who will be well remembered by many elder residents of the two cities and nearby communities as the former Mrs. Trull, widow of the late Dr. J. Frank Trull, a former prominent local physician and founder of the Trull hospital of this city.

Mrs. Brown, a native of St. Johnsbury, Vt., made her home here for many years during her younger life following her marriage to Dr. Trull. While a resident of this community she was an active member and leader of the former Lotus club, the Thursday club, of which she was a former president, and many of the other literary, social and church organizations of the two cities.

She was a talented elocutionist and contributed her services frequently to many entertainment programs held in this section of York county.

Following Dr. Trull's death she moved to California where she later married Mr. Brown and where she resided in late years.

Surviving relatives are her husband and relatives residing in this city, Columbus, O., and St. Johnsbury, Vt.

NOVEMBER 22, 1949

Illness Fatal To Charles J. Warren

Charles J. Warren, 86, a former sexton of the First Parish Congregational church of Saco, for several years, died at his home, 44 Winter street, Saco, this morning after a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Buxton, the son of the late Silas and Juliet (Fletcher) Warren. He was educated in the schools of that town. He had resided in Saco most of his life. He was employed as a machinist at the Saco-Lowell shops for a long time previous to retiring several years ago to become custodian-sexton of the First Parish church and parish house. He was one of the eldest members of Laconia Lodge of Odd Fellows, of this city.

Besides his wife, L. Agnes Warren, he leaves a son, Harry A. Warren; a daughter, Mrs. William Taylor, and a grandson, Erwin C. Warren, a former Saco city auditor.

Funeral services will be held from his late home, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MARCH 28, 1949

Illness Fatal To Frank E. Clark, 79, Former Saco Man

Frank E. Clark, 79, Cape Elizabeth, a resident of Saco most of his life, died in a Portland hospital Sunday following a short illness.

He was born at Chicopee Falls, Mass., and was graduated from the Bryant and Stratton Business School, Boston.

He moved to Saco and was employed by Armour and Company, this city, for 30 years. He was an attendant of the Saco United Baptist church, was a member of Knights Templar and a former member of Bradford Commandery. He was a life member of Belcher Lodge, F & A M.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. E. Mildred Clark; a son, Sumner S. Clark both of Cape Elizabeth; a daughter, Mrs. Julian Cushman, Holyoke, Mass.; and a sister, Mrs. Florence Rollins, Springfield, Mass.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Hay and Peabody funeral home, 749 Congress street, and burial will be in Forest City Cemetery, South Portland.

MAY 27, 1949

Bath Girl Bride Of Saco Man In Church Ceremony

Doris Alberta Ayer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis B. Ayer, Bath, and William Donald Packard, son of Fred Packard of Au-



Photo By Jim Perkins.
Mr. and Mrs. William Packard

burn and Mrs. Ruby Packard of Saco, were married recently in the Wesley Methodist church, Bath by the Rev. C. Clifford Sargent, who employed the day.

AUGUST

Mrs. Geo Dies At

Mrs. Geo. died at her home, Saco, Thursday after a short illness. She was the daughter of J. (Jeffrey) Lunt of Biddeford, 1884. In her active life in the Adams street. St. James Church. She leaves a son, Norman E. Lunt, and a daughter, Mrs. Samuel L. Lunt. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at the Saco, 25 Spring street.

ONCE UPON A TIME...



MONUMENT SQUARE—Just about 60 years ago it looked like this. The building in the center is the old City Hall, torn down in 1888-9. Behind it is the United States Hotel, now the Edwards & Walker store. In the foreground a man steps aboard one of the horsecars that rolled over Portland streets from 1860 to 1895. At right, in the building at Center and Congress Streets it still occupies, is the Loring, Short & Harmon store. At left is the awning of C. H. Guppy & Company, still an active Portland business firm. Photo from David C. Stott. (This is another in a series of photographs recalling Greater Portland scenes of the past.)

OCTOBER 11, 1949

Illness Fatal To Guy H. Titcomb, 72, Ex-Railroad Man

Guy H. Titcomb, 72, a life-long resident of Saco, died Monday at his home, 75 James street, following a long illness.

He was born in Saco, the son of George and Lodeska (Jose) Titcomb and worked for the Boston and Maine railroad for nearly 50 years before retiring in 1942. Most of the time was spent as telegraph operator and ticket agent.

He was a member of Saco Lodge, F. & A. M.; York Chapter, R. & S. M.; York Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, of which he was a charter member. He was the oldest living past grand of Saco Lodge, I. O. O. F.; a past chief patriarch of Hobab Encampment of Saco; a member of Saco Rebekah Lodge, Railroad Veterans' Association and the Second Parish Unitarian church of Saco.

He leaves his widow, Maude E., two daughters, Mrs. Norman K. McAuley and Miss Ruth E. Titcomb, all of Saco, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and friends may call there after Wednesday noon.

September 6, 1949

ONCE UPON A TIME...



PEAKS OBSERVATORY—Gone from the scene in Greenwood Garden on Peaks Island is this observation tower, long popular as a vantage point from which to view the wonders of Casco Bay and the streets and scenes of the Island. (This is another in a series of photographs of Greater Portland scenes of the past.)

big ring ceremony.

The church was decorated with palms, white gladioli and white snapdragons.

The bride, attended by her father, wore a slipper satin gown with sweetheart neckline and a fingertip veil with seed pearl crown.

She carried a colonial bouquet of pink roses and white sweetpeas with pink satin ribbon and white streamers.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Mary Hunt, a classmate of the bride in the Trull hospital Nursing school, wore an aqua blue taffeta dress with yellow headress of snapdragons and rosebuds. She carried a colonial bouquet of yellow sweetpeas and snapdragons.

John C. Blunt was best man while ushers were Carlton A. Bradley and Linwood C. Towle.

The bride's mother wore a pink dress with Navy blue accessories and a corsage of pink and Navy sweetpeas.

Mrs. Packard wore an aqua dress with flowered hat and a corsage of white and pink sweetpeas.

Following the ceremony a reception for 65 guests was held in the Methodist vestry. Mrs. Ann Gainer and Mrs. Ethel Lyden served refreshments and Mrs. Donald Weeks was in charge of the guest book. Mrs. Chester Wright was in charge of the gift table.

The couple then left on a wedding trip to an unannounced destination and will reside in Saco upon their return.

The bride is a graduate of Sacoport high school and the local hospital School of Nursing and is employed at the local institution.

Mr. Packard attended Thorne Academy and serve three and a half years in the U. S. Army. He is employed in Saco as a taxi driver.

Among Biddeford and Saco residents attending were Mrs. Ruby Packard, Mr. and Mrs. William Emery, Mrs. Roy Ross, Miss Florence Doll, Edwin K. Weymouth, Mr. and Mrs. Granville Pence, Mrs. Ethel Pence, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jonsson, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Madill, Robert Murray, Mignonne Dutil, Alice Lesard, Hazel Mullar, Molly Holmes, Betty Dineen, Elizabeth Coffey, Frances Colquhoun, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leavitt and Mr. and Mrs. John Blunt.

AUGUST 13, 1948

Mrs. George Leavitt Dies At Age Of 82

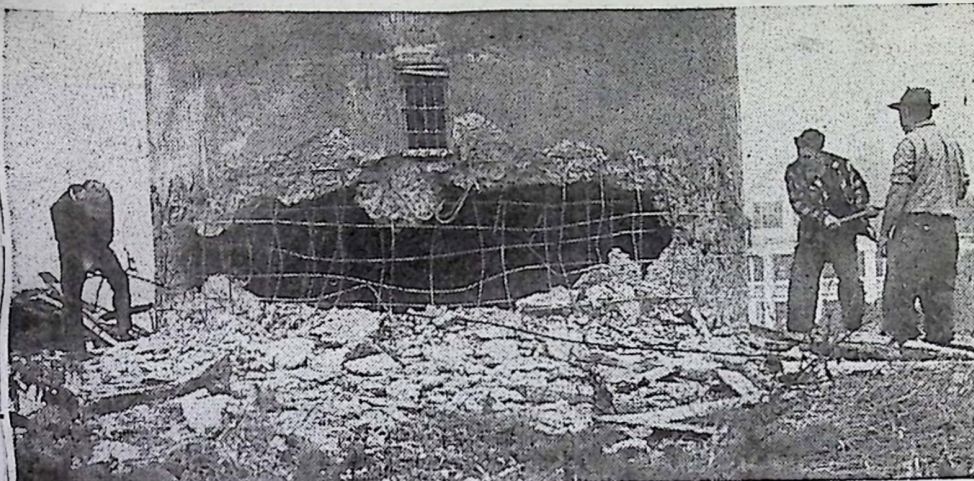
Mrs. Martha J. Leavitt, 82, widow of George M. Leavitt, died at her home, 18 Pepperell street, Saco, Thursday night after a short illness.

She was born in this city, the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Jeffrey) Lunt and was a graduate of Biddeford High in the class of 1864. In her younger life she was active in the Free Baptist church, Adams street, which is now the St. James Orthodox church.

She leaves one daughter, Mrs. Norman E. Julia, and one son, Samuel L. Leavitt, both of Saco.

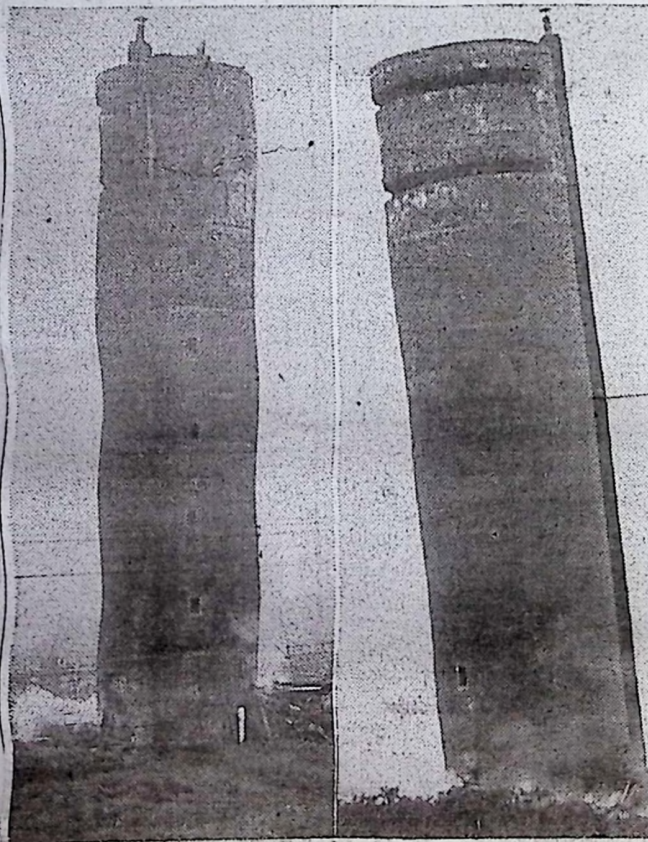
Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco.

Radar Tower Proves Tough



Concrete provided workers who were downing the radar observation tower at Cape Porpoise with plenty of opposition Saturday and the results of the first charge are shown above —just about a dent in the wall. Workers are pictured preparing for the second blast, but it took seven charges to bring the structure down.

A reminder of World War II was removed from the landscape with the destruction of the radar observation tower. In the lower photo at left the structure is unmoved by a blast of dynamite but in the shot at right it begins to topple after the seventh charge had been set off.



APRIL 24, 1950

Mary Mitchell, Former Teacher, Dies In Saco

Miss Mary A. Mitchell, a lifelong resident of Saco and a school teacher in that city for many years, died Saturday evening at

a Saco nursing home, following a long illness.

Born in Saco, the daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Kimball) Mitchell, she had taught in several of the schools in that city. She was a member of the Unitarian church.

Survivors are her sister-in-law, Mrs. Charlotte Mitchell, and two nephews and a niece.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

FEBRUARY 11, 1950

Dr. Edgar Minot Is Dead In Saco; Rites Monday

Prominent In Civic Affairs

Dr. Edgar H. Minot, 76, a former mayor of Saco and retired dentist there, died at his home, 431 Main street, Friday afternoon after a long illness.

In addition to serving as mayor, Dr. Minot also served in other capacities on the city government for many years. He had resided in Saco for 50 years and had practiced dentistry there most of the time.

He was born in Whitefield, the son of Charles and Lois (Little) Trask. He was a member of the Unitarian church, all Masonic bodies, Saco Lodge of Odd Fellows, a past president of the Biddeford-Saco Rotary club, president of the Saco-Biddeford Savings institution, director of the York National bank, director of the Biddeford-Saco Water Co., president of the Laurel Hill Cemetery association, trustee of the Lucy Kimball Deering fund, trustee of Thornton Academy,

secretary of the Sweetser-Children's home, Saco, past president of the Maine Dental society, member of the New York Academy of Dentistry and the International College of Dentists.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Hattie Trask Powers, Richmond; a twin-brother, Oscar Minot, Wollaston, Mass.; two nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Unitarian church, Saco.

MARCH 15, 1950

Estate Of Dr. Minot Filed For Probate

Miss Riversmith Leaves \$320,755

The estate of Dr. Edgar H. Minot, Saco, is apparently a sizable one, papers filed during the current term of York County Probate court, revealed today.

The executor, C. Warren Harmon, of Saco, has been required to file a \$10,000 tax bond.

After a nephew, Dr. Burt Warren Trask, Rumford, has received \$10,000, a niece, Thelma Powers Walker, Hartford, Conn., all household furniture and furnishings at his late home, 431 Main street, Saco, and another niece, Louise Trask Wynne, Norwood, Mass., \$15,000, the residue will be equally divided between a brother, Oscar A. Minot, Wollaston, Mass., and sister, Hattie T. Powers, Biddeford.

The petition for probate of Dr. Minot's will did not specify the value of the estate other than to place it over \$1,000.

Appraisers have set the value of Elizabeth E. Vaughan, Saco, Berwick, at \$29,261.92.

Attorney J. E. G. Sidney R. B. Under and J. E. Stride, Saco, real estate \$50,000; goods and chattels \$41,402 and rights and credits \$1,637,859.

Executors are George B. Sargent, Theodore L. Storer and Edward Cunningham.

An estate of \$320,755.96 left by Charlotte S. Rivers, Saco, according to appraiser Bernard Brown, also of Saco.

Real estate was set at \$12,000; goods and chattels at \$14,000; rights and credits at \$307,255.96.

Congresswoman Edith Rogers, (R., Mass.) received the greater part of the estate.

November 18, 1949

Mrs. Helen G. Webber

Saco, Nov. 17.—Mrs. Helen G. Webber, 80, widow of Levi Webber, died today at Ward's Home where she resided for five years.

She was born in Biddeford, daughter of Solon and Elizabeth Boston Andrews, and was a member of Foss Street Methodist Church, Biddeford.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. Saturday from Ward's Home.

MAY 6, 1950

Mrs. Susan Piper, Veteran Teacher, Dies In Hospital

Prominent In Social Activities

Mrs. Susan Nason Piper, 88, widow of Silas T. Piper, and a school teacher in this city for 53 years, died Friday evening at a local hospital.

She was born in this city, the daughter of John and Sarah (Toungie) Hamm, attended schools in this city and was a graduate of Waltham High school, Waltham, Mass. Her first teaching position was at the district school at Biddeford Pool.

While teaching at Biddeford High school she served as dean of girls. She took an active part in social and dramatic activities of the school and was a supporter of school athletics. She had been a member of the Board of Education several years but did not seek the post at the last election because of her health.

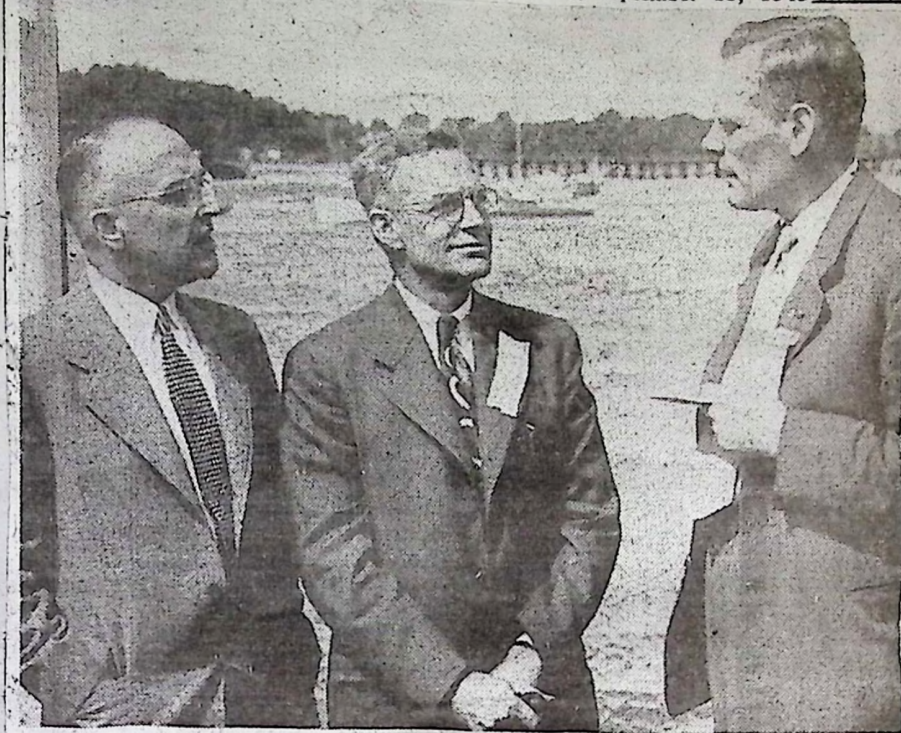
She was a member of the Daughters of Ruth, the Thursday club and attended the Universalist church where she was active in the Sunday school and church affairs. She helped form and was president of the original Trull Hospital Aid.

Survivors are two half sisters, Mrs. Harriet H. Merrill, this city, and Mrs. Elsie H. Deering, Augusta, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 from the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco. Rev. Grant F. Haskell will officiate. Friends may call after noon Sunday.

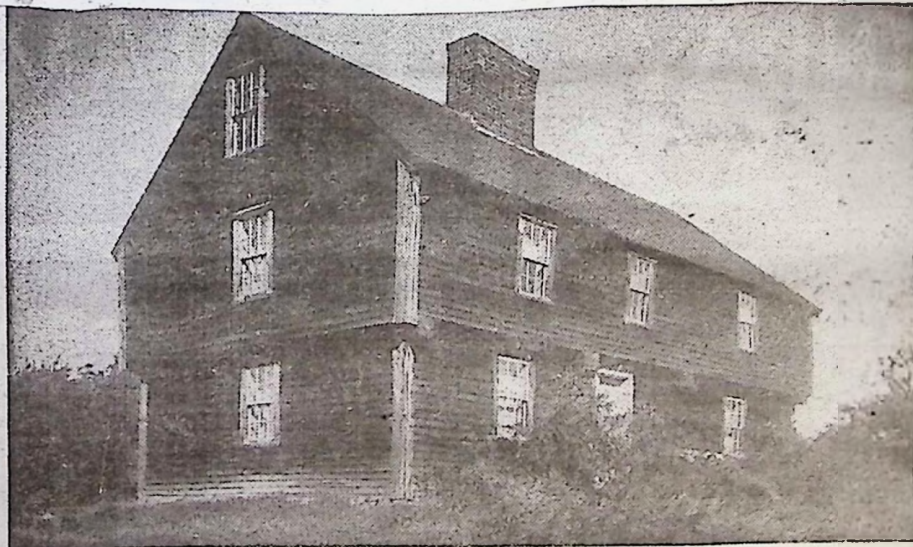
Mayor Louis B. Lausier has ordered the flags at City building at half mast in respect to Mrs. Piper.

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Paul E. Marston Photo
PROMINENT AT BANKERS CONVENTION—Leading figures at convention of the Savings Banks Association of Maine meeting at York Harbor, Monday, were, left to right, William L. Walker, Saco, president of the group; Sewall C. Brown, Bangor, chairman of the Nominating Committee, and Olaf Norbeck, Stockholm, Sweden, a special guest. Norbeck is managing director of the Stockholm Stads Sparbank.

Sunday Telegram Magazine — September 11, 1949



Recollections Of Maine's Past

Probably the oldest blockhouse now in existence in Maine is the old McIntire Garrison House, in the "Scotland" district of York. Erected somewhere between 1640 and 1645, it withstood the famous Indian Massacre of 1692 and has never left the hands of the McIntires.

It was used as a dwelling until 1875 and in 1909 was restored by John R. McIntire as a private family museum. McIntire Clan reunions have been held almost annually here or in this neighborhood since 1917. The meeting this Summer was attended by one hundred clan members.

The Story Of Roy Meserve

Man's Generosity To Man Helped Him Back Along The Fire-Blackened Road

Story By
FRANKLIN WRIGHT

With Photos

By **MILTON MORRISON**

This is the story of Roy Meserve, farmer.

It is the story of a man who can stand today before the gleaming white walls of his new house and barn, listen to the stirring of the cattle in the tieups and speak softly about the generosity of men.

In October, two years ago, Roy Meserve was typical of the men of Dayton, a little town on Route 5 a short distance from Saco. He was typical in tragedy that day he stood beside the ashes of his home and the burned carcasses of his cattle and recounted 20 horrible, flaming minutes in which the work of a lifetime had been reduced to rubble.

The house and barn on that little knoll represented the headquarters of his kingdom. For more than 60 years he had known no other home. In May of that year his wife died, the first blow in what was to be a year of tragedy.

But for all his misery that day—less than 24 hours after the roaring flames had consumed his every worldly possession—he gave thought to his many neighbors and to other small towns in the state which had been ravaged by the flames of Maine's greatest forest fires.

It was quite unreasonable to expect a man to know what he would do at that time. The woods in back of the hill were black. The two elm trees "that really made the place in Summer" were gone along with everything else. A man couldn't plan for the fu-

ture when the shock of such a harrowing experience was still so fresh. And Roy Meserve was more than 60 years old.

The story of Roy Meserve was told in the pages of the Portland Press Herald. It went out over the wires of the Associated Press to appear in the pages of newspapers in California, South Carolina, and every other city and town where local papers were serviced by the AP.

A few days later mail began to arrive for Roy Meserve. From many sections of the Country came expressions of sympathy. From one end of Maine to the other came notes, many of them containing a few dollars to help a fire victim start anew. A class of boys in a school in South Carolina sent five dollars to help him back up that fire-blackened road. A woman wrote to tell him she had a little farm that needed a man's attention and offer him shelter if he cared to work the farm.

And while he was learning about the compassion of strangers, Meserve's friends weren't forgetting him either. His neighbors couldn't do much to help. Most of them shared his predicament. But for many years Meserve had belonged to a fraternal organization. That organization didn't forget him either. It helped substantially.

"But the Red Cross! Can you mention the Red Cross?" Meserve asked. "They were wonderful to me. Looking back on it now, I can see where I might have rebuilt anyhow. But I never could have done anything like this without the Red Cross. By myself I might have put up a little three-room house and perhaps, someday, had some kind of a barn."

"I don't know as they would want me to mention figures, but the Red Cross just about built my barn. I've heard people criticize

the Red Cross but believe me no one will ever criticize it when I'm around. Anything I can ever do for them will be a pleasure, believe me," he said.

The shining new house in which he lives with his son and sister is not entirely completed yet, he explained. From the outside it looks like a comfortable six-room house. Inside, on two floors, are not six but 12 rooms, all light, airy, attractively appointed and spacious. A new oil burning heating plant reigns supreme in the cellar. "I had to buy fuel anyhow," Meserve explained, "all my wood was burned."

Twenty-two head of cattle now reside in the new barn. The big, back doors of the barn open on the second-story which is today all but filled with bales of hay.

"Don't waste time hoisting hay into the barn this way," Meserve chuckled. "Just back right in and unload. Not a post anywhere to interfere either you'll notice," he said with natural pride.

"I lost just about two years," he said. "We started rebuilding in April of '48. We built the barn that Spring and got hay in it in July. We started the house the first of December. I had been staying with a nephew and sister-in-law in the house across the road—the one that was saved by the barrel of cider. We moved in the new house in June," Meserve said.

"Everyone was wonderful to me. Everyone but the State of Maine," he recalled in discussing the days following the fire. "They made me awfully mad at the time."

"I had a little horse shed I wanted to move up here right after the fire. I contacted the State Highway Commission to obtain permission to move it over the road. After some preliminary negotiations I received a telegram from the commission granting the

permit. The telegram was \$1.25 collect.

"A few days later I received a letter from the commission confirming the permit and informing me that the fee for the permit was \$10. I didn't have anything at the time and I was plenty mad. Here the State was saying how much it wanted to help the fire victims and I get a bill for \$10 for permission to move a building a mile-and-a-half over the road."

"About the time I got the third letter from the commission," Meserve went on, "I also received \$10 from the Goodwin's Mills Methodist Church. So I sent the \$10 to the Highway Commission to pay my bill. I also sent them an additional dollar which, I told them in the letter, would always remind them of the time they took the last dollar a man had after losing all his property in the forest fire."

"I received a letter from them later in which they expressed their regret about my attitude and said I would get the dollar back after it had gone through channels. I did. But I was some mad about that incident at the time," he said, able to laugh again now.

The Dayton area, which some observers believed had been erased forever, has been extensively rebuilt, Meserve reported.

We glanced back at the new house and barn as we drove away. The stump of the elm, the old foundation of the burned barn, the blackened trees in the background made it impossible to forget that day of misery two years ago.

This story of Roy Meserve, farmer, was much easier to write, we reflected. It was a heart-warming story. A brave story, too. For Roy Meserve was 65 years old last month, and he was starting all over again.

Portland Sunday Telegram

August 7, 1949

The Wannishaunta Club met at the home of Arthur Andrews, 79 Middle Street, Saco, Thursday evening. A covered dish supper was held in the rumpus room in the barn. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. William L. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Doe, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Moore, Miss Eva Calderwood, Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Calderwood, Biddeford, Mrs. Harry Goodier, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Milliken, Mrs. Katherine P. Stacy and Mr. Arthur W. Andrews.

Reprinted from Page One of the Press Herald, Oct. 27, 1947, here is the original story of Roy Meserve written two years ago by Franklin Wright. It stands in sharp contrast to the happier tale told today.

Dayton, Oct. 26.—This is the story of Roy Meserve, farmer. It is the story of a kind, gentle man who stood today among the ruins of the only home he had ever known and tried in vain to stifle the sobs in his throat.

Roy Meserve is typical of the men in this little community a few miles from Saco. He is typical in his mode of living, in strength, in courage and in the tragedy he shares with some 40 neighbors.

But there is a limit to the adversity a man can endure and Roy Meserve's endurance had been sorely taxed.

It was not difficult to find Roy Meserve's farm. "You can't miss it," the deputy said. "It's the farm where the cattle and horses are sprawled on the right of the road."

Meserve led us slowly up the driveway to his burned out home. His feet were heavy as he stepped to the side of the barn and gazed down at the charred carcasses of 12 cows.

A few feet away lay two old horses on which Meserve had bestowed much affection.

The horses, like the cows, had been burned down to their bones.

Meserve spoke slowly.

"I was born in this house just 63 years ago next Thursday," he began. "It has always been my home. My brother and I farmed it together. I guess between us we have some 450 acres here. Now it's all gone—all gone."

He paused for a moment and his fingers wiped at tired eyes.

"We were watching, of course, all day yesterday. (Saturday) At noontime the fire was about six miles away across Route 5. Then it began to get dark. Some men came with bulldozers and cut wide swaths all around the buildings. Those swaths would have stopped an ordinary fire. They didn't mean a thing to those flames."

"About 4 o'clock red began to show over the hill a half mile away. We had a truck here already loaded with some things and I ran to the stable for a toolkit I wanted to save. From there I ran to the barn. In that barn were those two horses and 32 head of cattle. I started to turn out the cattle, freeing my brother's first. I had turned out 20 of them when someone hollered."

"I ran back to the door and had to drop to my hands and knees and crawl through the doorway. It was just like a thunder shower only it was raining sparks. They came down just like hail. Just 20 minutes after I first saw flames a half mile away the barn roof fell down," Meserve said.

"The flames went down across those fields like race horses. I never believed I would see anything like it. I wish I hadn't. It still seems like a dream. I keep thinking I'll wake up any minute and find my buildings as I have known them all my life and hear the cattle again."

"I could not replace this farm today for \$25,000. I had just put in that new tieup—right there where the 12 cows are. That cost \$1,500 this Summer. Two of those cows I purchased last

week for \$300. In the barn and stable I had 90 tons of hay," he continued.

"It has been a hard year for me. Last May my wife became ill and died and I—"

His voice broke, he walked a little way from us. Then his shoulders straightened and he turned.

"I'm sorry," he said apologetically, "but I guess our nervous system can stand only so much. But I'm not as bad off as thousands of people in this state. I have no little children. My family is all grown up. I'm still able to earn my own living. But I'm not going to do anything this Fall, perhaps not next Spring."

"I think I'll move my stock to my nephew's place. They're paying good money at Union Falls. If my son and nephew want to work there, I'll be chore boy and take care of the farm. I can't afford to rebuild. And if I could afford it and materials were available, how could I possibly replace it. The house was at least 150 years old, but it was in good repair. Those two elm trees there made the place in the Summer. Now they're both gone—everything's gone. It's just a barren hill now," Meserve said.

"I don't know what these small towns will do either. Probably not more than one-half the people have paid their taxes this year. Even the town hall is gone here. Even our snowplow. They moved the snowplow out of the garage next to the town hall because they feared the garage would burn. They parked the plow in front of the filling station at Clough's Corner. The garage didn't burn but the filling station and snowplow did."

"But look there, across the street where you found me. That's my nephew's farm and he saved it with a barrel of cider. I never had much respect for cider before. He had used two or three cans of water and the porch ignited for the third or fourth time. Nothing was left but the barrel of cider. He dumped it on the fire and saved his farm."

Meserve managed a weak grin as he recalled the saga of the cider. But the smile was brief.

"George Robbins lives about a half mile up the road here," Meserve went on. "Thick woods all about his place. He didn't want to leave but they got him out to safety. But he refused to stay there. They took the keys out of his car but he insisted on returning. The situation was so hopeless that none of the younger men would come back with him. He went back alone and worked and fought like a madman all day. But he saved his cottage and two others," Meserve said.

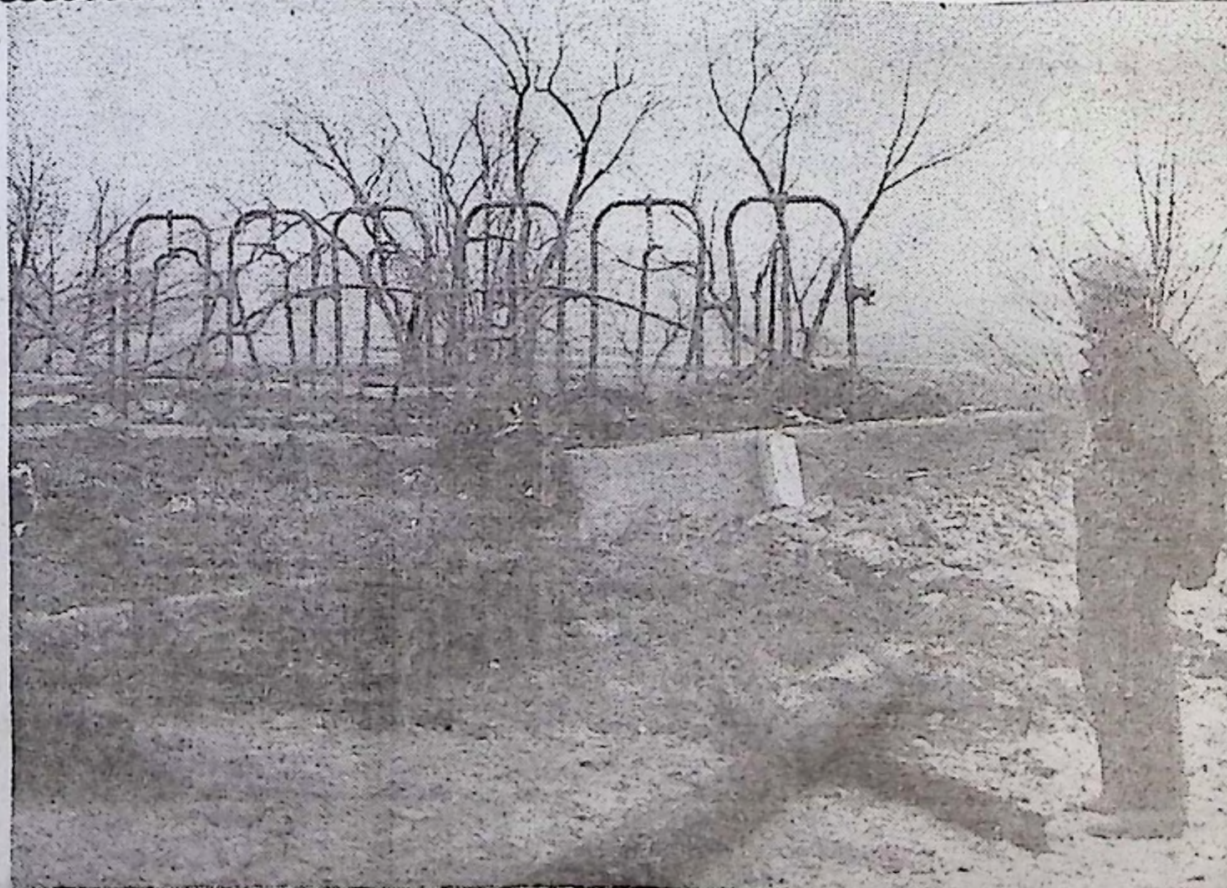
There was pride in the voice of this 63-year-old man as he recalled the adventures of his neighbor but the pride was washed away on the crest of tears as he turned his attention to "our town."

"It burned about half of our town. There must be 40 farms destroyed. It burned all the biggest and best farms too," he said.

As we walked down the little hill to the road, Meserve turned and looked again at the devastation.

"Those poor horses," he said and his throat filled again. "Those poor horses. Tied by the neck and I couldn't get them out. If they had been free and had been caught by the fire it wouldn't have been as bad. But tied by the neck, unable to go anywhere. If only I could have helped them."

We left him there, standing alone in the road. We left him there, and our eyes smarted, too, as we drove away.



IN 1947—Roy Meserve, shocked by the suddenness of the tragedy that had befallen him, stood beside the ashes of his barn and the heaped carcasses of cattle and two horses destroyed by the flames that virtually engulfed the little town of Dayton. The future looked dim indeed to Meserve that day. (This picture, like the original story, is reprinted from Page One of the Press Herald, Oct. 27, 1947.)

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IN 1949—Roy Meserve, starting life all over again at 65 years of age, has this gleaming new barn constructed beside the rubble of the burned barn with the help of the Red Cross. An attractive white house stands just out of the photo at the left. From the wreckage of his former buildings he salvaged only junk that brought him less than \$100.

during the trying years when he has held that position, years in which he has played a leading part in getting Saco-Lowell machinery produced and shipped in great volume. I know that he is assured of the support of all in the Saco-Lowell organization in the important service work to which he will now give his attention."

He has a simple philosophy in life, "treat others as you want them to treat you." Here lies the key of his success.

JULY 20, 1949

Fred H. Deering Dies In Portland

Fred H. Deering, 78, died in Portland Tuesday afternoon following a long illness.

Born in Saco, he was the son of John M. and Emelia (Harmon) Deering. He attended Saco schools and resided in that city several years before going to St. John, N. B., with the Consolidated Rendering Company. From there he went to Portland where he worked for the Portland Rendering Company until his retirement a few years ago. He was a member of the State Street Congregational church in Portland.

He leaves four sisters, Miss Edna A. Deering, Miss Lucy M. Deering, Mrs. Rose F. Goodwin, all of Saco, and Mrs. Francis Campbell of Kennebunkport, and a brother, Charles H. Deering of Portland.

Funeral services will be held at the Hay and Peabody funeral home in Portland Friday afternoon at 1:30 and interment will be in the family lot in Laurel Hill cemetery in Saco.

MAY 27, 1949

Black Says:

"Quality Is Everyone's Business"

Mark B. Black is known to everyone in the Saco-Lowell organization. There are few that he does not know by their first name, and few who do not extend the same compliment to him.

After some experience in the cotton mills and completing his machine shop training in Massachusetts, Mark entered Saco-Lowell Shops at Biddeford on January 16, 1916, as a manufacturing apprentice in the office of Alexander Rankellor, who was then General Superintendent. On March 18, 1918, he was appointed Head of the Production Department under R. D. Tarr, then Factory Superintendent. In October of 1924, he became Superintendent of the Newton Plant of Saco-Lowell Shops at Newton, Mass. He remained there until the plant was moved to Biddeford in May, 1932, during which time he was responsible for the integration of the Springfield, Lowell and Kitson activities at Newton and then at Biddeford. When Mark returned to Biddeford, he was appointed Superintendent of the Saco Division. In March, 1934, he was appointed Manager of Engineering Business. In July 1941, he was appointed Manager of the Bendix Project, which was our first large War Contract, and in April 1942, became Coordinator of all War Production and fully responsible for the meeting of all contract deadlines.

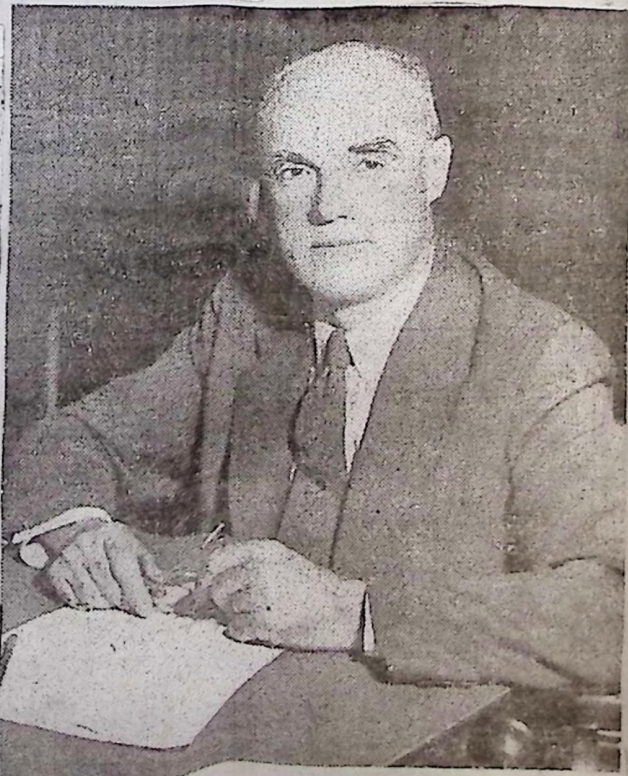
November of 1943, he was appointed Assistant Works Manager and in March, 1945, Works Manager. On May 2, 1949, Mark became assistant to the Vice President in charge of Manufacturing and Factory Service Manager responsible for all Northern and Southern erecting, and all Factory Service incidental to the fulfilling of Customer Contracts. With his 33 years of experience in the textile machine industry,

Mark Black can be summed up in seven words, "a sincere man who lives his sincerity."

He has an excellent background for this responsible position of building customer goodwill.

At the Foremen's Meeting, at the time his appointment was announced, Mr. Chafee said,

"I take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Black for the work done by him as Works Manager



NOVEMBER 5, 1949

Stair Plunge Proves Fatal To Saco Man

Edwin Peck Breaks Neck

Edwin M. Peck, 76, veteran Saco paperhanger and painter and lifelong resident of that city, was fatally injured early this morning as the result of a fall down stairs at his home, 70 Temple street.

The physician called to attend the injured man said that a fracture of the neck was responsible for his death. It has not been fully determined this forenoon whether the fall was the result of his tripping on some object while attempting to go down stairs or whether he experienced a heart attack, causing him to plunge down the stairway.

He was the son of the late Liberty L. and Ellen L. (Edgecomb) Peck. At one time he was employed in the mechanical department at the Brown and Sharpe plant in Providence, R. I. Later for several

years he was a trolley car operator in that city. After returning to Saco several years ago he was employed as a painter and paperhanger for Paige and Thompson and later for John Burnham, successor to the firm and for other similar concerns of Saco. He also engaged in business for himself at one period of his late life.

Surviving relatives are three sons, Herbert M., Saco, Carleton, Worcester, Mass., and Raymond, Fort Lee, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Eleanor M. Murphy, Old Orchard Beach, and Miss Esther M. Peck, Saco; a brother, H. Burton Peck, Washington, D. C.; a sister, Miss G. Ethel Peck, Saco, and three grandchildren.

The body is at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco. Funeral arrangements are uncompleted.



AT HOME—Roy Meserve stands at the back door of his new home with his sister, Mrs. Gertrude Cleaves, who keeps house for him, and their dog. Meserve moved into his new home the first of June. The house was built on practically the same site, "just a little nearer the barn," Meserve reported.

AUGUST 8, 1949

Illness Fatal To John A. Beckwith

John Andrews Beckwith, 52, of 76 Spring street, Saco, a well-known World War One veteran of that city and for the past five years employed by the Anderson and Nichols Engineering company, Boston, in its Greenfield, Mass., area, died at a local hospital Sunday after a brief illness.

He was a native of Malta, Ohio, the son of Mrs. Mary Andrews Beckwith and the late James Beckwith. He came to Saco at an early age with his parents and had continued to retain his residence in that city since. He was a graduate of Thornton academy and later for a time attended University of Maine. For several years previous to accepting the post with the Anderson-Nichols Co. he held an executive position in the cost department at the Saco-Lowell Shops here.

He was a member of Saco lodge, F. and A. M., Palestine chapter, Detroit, and Maine Council, Royal and Select Masters of Saco. He was a regular attendant of the First Parish Congregational church, Saco.

Besides his widow, the former Ethel Wentworth, he leaves his mother, Mrs. Mary Beckwith, both of Saco.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call prior to services there Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

AUGUST 23, 1949

Illness Fatal To Mrs. Erwin Gowen

Mrs. Gertrude Bridges Gowen, widow of Capt. Erwin S. Gowen, died early this morning at a rest home in Westbrook, where she was a patient for the past few weeks.

She was born in this city, April 20, 1874, the daughter of Waldo

E. and Lydia (Whitten) Bridges. She was educated in the Biddeford schools and graduated from Biddeford High school in 1891. She attended the Congregational church of this city.

Surviving are a brother, Clifton W. Bridges; a niece, Barbara Miles, and two stepsons, Harry Gowen and Erwin R. Gowen.

Services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, and friends may call there after Wednesday noon.

SEPTEMBER 28, 1949

John F. Dean Dies Following Illness At 79

Rites Friday For Veteran Merchant

John F. Dean, oldest merchant in the city, died this morning at his Camp Ellis home, following a lingering illness. He was 79.

He was born in South Thomaston, the son of John and Livonia (McKenney) Dean. While in this city he was the owner of a Main street shoe store and had recently purchased a new one on Franklin street.

He was a 50-year member of the Saco Lodge, F. and A. M. and a member of the Bradford Commandery, K. T., and of the Biddeford and Saco Lodge of Elks. Two years ago he and his wife celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Survivors are his wife, E. Jeannette; one son, Paul W., this city; two daughters, Jeannette B. Sanford and Elizabeth, Portland; one granddaughter and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 from his home at Camp Ellis.

Friends may call at his home any time after Thursday afternoon.

Thornton Academy Graduates Of 1899 Get Together

JUNE 20, 1949



Members of the 1899 class of Thornton Academy held their 50th reunion at the Saco school Saturday prior to the Alumni banquet. Pictured above are class members and guests who attended. First row, left to right: Mrs. Elizabeth Currie, Methuen, Mass., guest; Mrs. Earl Gay, Beverly, Mass., guest; Miss Louise DLeib, South Berwick, a teacher; Mrs. Lena Chadbourne Hanson, Mrs. Caroline Nicol Goodier, Mrs. James M. B. Webber, Stoneham, Mass., guest. Second row, same order: Mrs. Inez Merrill Fairfield, Kennebunkport; Miss Elizabeth Sweetser, Mrs. Howard G. Fenderson, Portland, guest; Mrs. Cora Young Hobbs, North Saco; Mrs. Cora Kelley Stillman, Saco; Mrs. Bessie Harmon Waterhouse, Kennebunk; Mrs. George Albert Fairfield, Long Island, N. Y. Third row, same order: Alexander Currie, Richard A. Libby, Howard G. Fenderson, Earl E. Gay, James M. B. Webber, George A. Fairfield.

Dec. 31-1949



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The Hotel Velvet, Old Orchard, is pictured here as it looked before the great fire of Aug. 15, 1907. Known the world over and famous for Hildreth's Velvet Kisses, this hotel took only 17 minutes to burn in the 1907 fire which demolished this resort area.

The entrance to the pier may be seen at the extreme right. In this block at the corner of East Grand Avenue and Old Orchard Avenue now stands Noah's Ark, a theater, a restaurant and a portion of the Great White Way.



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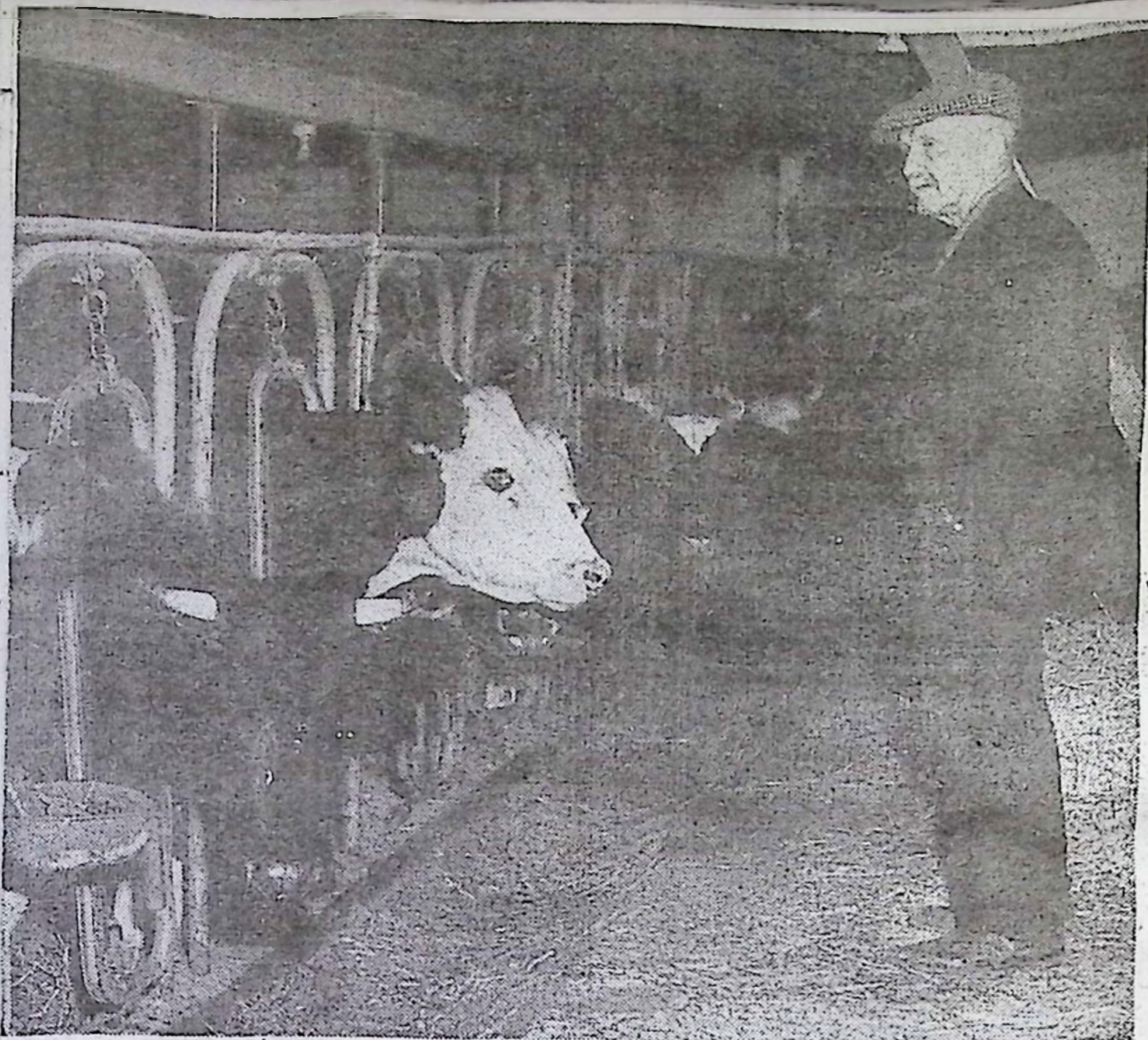
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IN THE BARN—Roy Meserve looks over some of the 22 head of cattle that occupy the new barn on his Dayton farm. Some 30 or so cattle were housed in the barn destroyed by the 1947 fire. Back doors of the barn open directly into the second floor which is nearly filled with baled hay.

JULY 18, 1949

Elaine Craig Is Bride Of Arthur Davis

In the Trinity Episcopal church of Saco at 4 o'clock Saturday, Miss Elaine G. Craig, daughter of



Mrs. Arthur S. Davis

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Craig, Saco, became the bride of Arthur S. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Davis, Billings, Mont.

Gladioli decorated the altar for the double ring ceremony which was performed by the Rev. Canon A. E. Scott, former rector of Christ Episcopal church in this city.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white lace over satin, with yoke of marquisette, and seed pearl trim. The bouffant skirt had the traditional long train. The fingertip veil was caught to a lace and seed pearl coronet and she carried a cascade of bride's roses and stephanotis.

Miss Janice R. Craig was her sister's honor attendant. She wore a gown of blue taffeta with a fitted bodice and full skirt and a garland of flowers in her hair, and carried a colonial bouquet.

The bridesmaids, Miss Jean Cunningham, Old Town; Miss Helen Mary Rankin, Saco; Miss Jean M. Nelson, Lexington, Mass., and Mrs. George E. Motzenbecker, Hagerstown, Maryland, wore gowns of rose taffeta, fashioned the same as the honor attendant's, and carried bouquets of the colonial type with green streamers. Puffs of green net formed the headdress of all the bridesmaids.

George E. Motzenbecker, Hagerstown, was best man, and Emmett Killebrew, Pittsburgh, Pa., Lt. Glen Brunson, Princeton, N. J., Paul Gadebusch II, Summit, N. J., and Thomas Lacey, Newton Center, Mass., were the ushers. Miss Ruth Olive Roberts of

Saco was the organist and Miss Olive Sibley of Portland, the vocalist.

Mrs. Scott Finley, Ocean Park, was in charge of the guest book at the reception, which was held at the bride's home, immediately following the wedding. Miss Anabel Wheeler was in charge of the gifts.

The bride wore an aqua suit with white accessories and a dusty rose topper for her wedding trip to Canada.

On their return the newlyweds will reside in Pittsburgh.

The bride is a graduate of Thornton academy and Simmons College, Boston, Mass.

Mr. Davis is a graduate of Kemper Military academy, Boonville, Mo., and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

He is now employed as sales engineer with Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Pittsburgh.

The ceremony was performed at the Trinity Episcopal Church, the Rev. Canon A. E. Scott of the Episcopal Cathedral, Portland, officiating. Mrs. Ruth Olive Roberts was organist and violinist was Miss Olive Sibley of Portland.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of white lace over satin with a long train, a veil of illusion caught with a tiera of lace and pearls and carried white roses and stephanotis. Her sister, Miss Janice R. Craig, was maid of honor and was gowned in blue taffeta with a garland of white flowers in her hair and carried a colonial bouquet.

Bridesmaids were Mrs. George Motzenbecker, Short Hills, N. J., Miss Jean Nelson, Lexington, Mass., Miss Jean Cunningham, Old Town, and Miss Helen Rankin, Saco. All wore gowns of rose taffeta with pale green maline headdresses and carried colonial bouquets.

Best man was George E. Motzenbecker, Short Hills, N. J., and ushers were Thomas B. Lacy, Newton Center, Mass., Lt. Glenn S. Brunson, Princeton, N. J., Emmett S. Killebrew, Jr., Pittsburgh, Pa., and Paul Gadebusch, II, of Summit, N. J.

Following the ceremony the reception was held at the bride's home.

The couple will tour Canada on their wedding trip and on their return will reside at 106 The Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. The bride wore an aqua suit with white accessories for traveling.

Mrs. Davis is a graduate of Thornton Academy and of Simmons College in Boston. Davis graduated from Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi National Social Fraternity. He is now associated with the Westinghouse Electric Corporation at Pittsburgh, Pa.

— Portland, Maine — July 17, 1949 —

Elaine Gertrude Craig Becomes Bride Of Arthur Sheldon Davis

Saco, July 16—Miss Elaine Gertrude Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Craig, 365 Main Street, this afternoon became the bride of Arthur Sheldon Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace A. Davis of Billings, Montana.

MAY 26, 1950

Annie Littlefield Dies; Retired Saco Teacher

Miss Annie E. Littlefield, 80, one of Saco's best known retired school teachers, died at a Hollis rest home Thursday, where she had been staying.

Miss Littlefield was born in Saco, the daughter of Alden and Abby Littlefield. She was educated in the Saco schools. During her teaching career she instructed classes in various elementary grades of the Saco schools.

She is survived by a brother, Dr. George C. Littlefield, Webster, Mass.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call prior to services there Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.



By Sunday Telegram Photographer Ted Dyer
MAY THE BEST MAN WIN!—Rivals for Saco's mayoralty post for second year, left to right, incumbent Mayor Myron E. Savage (R) and Andrew Fournier (D).

Saco Mayor Candidates Are Closest Of Friends

Saco, March 5.—Local municipal elections are hotly contested annually but feuding is not an aftermath—at least not in recent years. Last year Mayor Myron E. Savage (R) retained his office

against the challenge of Candidate Andrew Fournier (D) by a 2,125 to 1,832 margin. Monday local voters will flock to the polls for the next round in the contest of the pair.

Out of politics the two mayoralty candidates are the closest of friends. Sports events, particularly those involving Thornton Academy are a magnet for them and they rarely attend with any but each other. This has been going on for years before the hotly contested election of 1948.

The election was in March. In earliest April the pair were on hand together for looks at Thornton prospects. And they were as close as the famed joined twins in attending the regular games.

Apparently neither party believed their out-of-politics unity affected their opposing political views for each had full support in gaining nomination. Neither has pulled any punches in the man-to-man—and woman, too—

campaign which has been on for the past month.

Savage, retired postal worker, was shunted into Fournier's drug store for a pre-election picture and genial Andrew set up the drinks for the occasion.

They agreed on the following joint statement, regarding the election:

"We intend to vote Monday. Until then we will carefully study the qualifications of the mayoralty candidates that we may vote in-

telligently."

Seeking aldermanic posts on the Democratic ticket are, Ward One, Edmour Cote, Saco-Lowell worker; Ward Two, Lonnie Fields, gasoline dealer; Ward Three, Walter Thompson, fuel oil dealer; Ward Four, John Sullivan, Saco-Lowell worker; Ward Five, Harry Courtols, (incumbent), worker; Ward Six, Ray Chicoline, (incumbent), Saco-Lowell, worker; Ward Seven, Ernest Whitten, Boston and Maine Transportation Co., worker.

Republican candidates: Ward One, Harold Taylor, (incumbent), farmer; Ward Two, Kenneth Luce, (incumbent), Saco-Lowell worker; Ward Three, William Young, Saco-Lowell worker; Ward Four, John Pendleton, grocer; Ward Five, Louis Hoyt, Saco-Lowell worker; Ward Six, Robert Hunter, Western Union manager; Ward 7, H. Thompson Stackpole, New England Tel. and Tel. Co., worker.

JUNE 29, 1950

Benefit Card Party Conducted In Saco

Arthur Andrews, 79 Middle street, Saco, was host at a benefit barn card party held at the barn of his home Wednesday evening. Refreshments were served.

Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hendrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biggar, Mrs. Fred C. Lord, Mrs. Rufus Doe, Mrs. Herman Milliken, Mrs. Byron Moore, Mrs. Myron Savage, Mrs. Lillian Allen, Mrs. Laura Blackington, Mrs. Katherine Stacy, Miss Rose Blanchette, Miss Dorothy Lamson, Miss Nellie Gillespie.

Portland Press Herald, Tuesday Morning, March 22, 1949.

Mayor Savage Starts Third Consecutive Term At Saco



By Press Herald Photographer Dyer

Mayor Myron E. Savage, Saco, seated, who Monday took the oath of office for the third consecutive year, and City Clerk Lester A. Perkins, who has served with Mayor Savage during the past two years and who was re-elected by the Board of Aldermen at the inaugural exercises at the city hall.

—Portland
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— Portland, Maine — March 5, 1950

Selma Milliken And Melvin Wilbur Wed At Clark Memorial Church



MR. AND MRS. MELVIN L. WILBUR

The Clark Memorial Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Selma F. Milliken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Milliken of Carlyle Road, to Melvin L. Wilbur, son of Mrs. Isabelle M. Wilbur of Goodale Avenue, Saco, and the late Melvin E. Wilbur, Saturday afternoon. Bouquets of white gladioli, carnations, and snapdragons, formed the decorative note at the church.

The bride's gown of white satin had a seed pearl trimming around the sheer yoke at the neckline. A long illusion veil was caught to the sides with clusters of orange blossoms. She carried a bouquet of white carnations and sweet peas.

The bride's sister, Mrs. Eugene Davis, was matron of honor, wearing a blue taffeta gown with matching hat and mitts. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow carnations. Miss Louisa H. Milliken, another sister, and Miss Justine Murch, were bridesmaids, and wore gowns of cerise moire. They carried an arm bouquet of pale and deep pink carnations, wearing hats and mitts matching their gowns.

Ernest Whitten of Saco was best man and in the usher group were Alfred H. Milliken, Jr., of Scarborough, brother of the bride,

and Howard D. Hurd of Falmouth. The Rev. Gerald C. Milliken of Cape Porpoise, another brother of the bride, officiated at the ceremony, being assisted by the Rev. H. Travers Smith, minister of the church. Miss Ruth Crosby was vocal soloist and Mrs. Thomas Frederick was organist.

At the reception in the church parlors Miss Helen Alexander of Saco had charge of the guest book. Assisting with the serving were Miss Sara Cowan, Mrs. Roy L. Searle, Mrs. Wendall S. Milliken, Mrs. E. Carter Milliken, Mrs. Alfred H. Milliken, Jr., of Scarborough, Mrs. Howard D. Hurd of Falmouth, and Mrs. Donald W. Dearborn of Biddeford.

Mr. Wilbur and his bride left for a wedding trip to Canada. The bride wore for travelling a checked suit with grey hat, having a white pique trimming. On their return they will reside on Goodale Avenue, Saco.

The bride is a graduate of Deer-ing High School and Westbrook Junior College and has been employed at the Soule Glass and Paint Company.

Mr. Wilbur was graduated from Thornton Academy and the Northeastern School of Accounting. He is employed at the Saco and Biddeford Savings Institution.

March 21, 1950

Rites Wednesday For Father McPartland



Rev. Francis J. McPartland

Saco, March 20. — A Pontifical Solemn High Requiem Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Daniel J. Feeney, auxiliary bishop of Portland, at 10 a. m. Wednesday for the Rev. Francis J. McPartland, pastor of Most Holy Trinity Church, who died in Trull Hospital, Biddeford, early today. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Portland.

The 72-year-old priest's body will lie in state in the church Tuesday, where parishioners and friends may pay respects after 4 p. m.

Father McPartland, who came to this city in 1938 from Holy Name Church, Machias, also served as assistant of St. Mary's Church, Bangor, and Holy Redeemer Church, Bar Harbor.

He was born Feb. 7, 1878, at Warrenpoint, County Down, Ireland, the son of Francis and Sarah Clarke McPartland, and moved to Castle Rea, County Roscommon, as an infant. He attended Castle Rea Schools and entered the Diocesan College at Sligo.

He was ordained from Mayrooth College in 1903 and held assignments in parishes of the Diocese of Elphin until he came to this Country in 1920 and entered the Portland Diocese.

He is survived by one sister, Miss Mary Elizabeth McPartland, who came to this Country in 1930 to reside with her brother.

MARCH 21, 1950

Rites Wednesday



Rev. Francis J. McPartland, pastor of Most Holy Trinity church, Saco, who died Monday after a long illness. His body lies in state in the church which he served for 12 years. A brief ceremony took place when the body was transferred from the rectory to the church this afternoon. The church will be open all night for those wishing to pay final tribute to Father McPartland. Tomorrow morning the youths of the parish will attend the 7:15 mass to pay respect to the 72-year-old pastor. Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday.

As Annette Chapter, Order Of Eastern Star, Installed Officers



Officers of Annette chapter, Order of Eastern Star, installed at a meeting in Saco are, front row left to right: Mrs. Caroline A. Stackpole, associate matron; H. Thompson Stackpole, associate patron; Mrs. Florence Northrop, worthy matron; Mrs. Dorothy Shorey, worthy grand matron, Pittsfield; Mrs. Leona Bragg, Second row, usual order; Wendell Drawn, sentinel; Mrs. Pauline Vonetta Dennett, acting grand chaplain; Mrs. Louise Reed, acting grand Esther; Mrs. Paul West, chaplain; Gordon Anderson, soloist. Back Patricia Hunt, marshal; Mrs. Beulah Curtis, acting grand warder; ine Nielson, treasurer; Mrs. Agnes Cunningham, as

TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 18, 1950

E & I Union Of Saco Has Grown Steadily Since 1882

(Editor's Note: This is one of a series of stories tracing the history of women's organizations of Biddeford and Saco. In order that the list made be as complete as possible, officers of all women's groups are invited to submit material concerning their units.)

Among the many clubs throughout York county none have stood the test of time more successfully than has the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Saco.

From a small beginning this club has grown until today, with approximately 250 members, it is the largest as well as the oldest women's club in the county and is also one of the largest and oldest in the state.

Although the oldest of the county clubs it is far from decrepit and today as always endeavors to keep up with present day things of worth.

The embryo of the Union was the Diaz Union formed in 1882 by a group of prominent Saco women who had become inspired by an address given by a Mrs. Diaz of Boston. Hence, incidentally the first name of the club.

In 1888 the club assumed its present title.

The lives and names of many of Saco's best known women have been closely identified with the Union.

Mrs. Sarah Fairfield Hamilton has been called the "Mother of the Union" and as the words imply she devoted years of work to the accomplishments of the club. Upon her death, July 8, 1909, a memorial fund was started and after hard work the goal was reached. The Stearns property on Beach street, Saco, was purchased and the building was named the Sarah Fairfield Hamilton Memorial.

During its 68 years of existence there have been 30 presidents. Most of those have had a two-year tenure of office Mrs. Abbie Shepley Riversmith was the first president, followed in order by Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Amelia S. Marsh, Mrs. Helen M. Durell, Mrs. Emergene H. Bradbury, Miss Martha W. Fairfield, Mrs. Eldena E. Packard, Mrs. Mary A. Crozman, Mrs. Clara S. Blake, Mrs. Bertha T. Powell, Mrs. Lind-

ley W. Binford, Mrs. Ward R. Clarke, Mrs. Gertrude L. Emerson, Mrs. Mary C. Cartland, Mrs. Winona M. Elmer, Mrs. Mary A. Beckwith, Mrs. Lillian M. Allen, Mrs. Byron H. Cleaves, Mrs. Seth M. Hanson, Mrs. Mary G. Lowell, Mrs. Ralph W. Hawkes, Miss Florence G. Dolby, Mrs. Mark B. Black, Mrs. Alfred R. Kennedy, Mrs. Ida Stewart Smith, Mrs. Arthur Collins, Mrs. Gordon C. Anderson, Mrs. Paul F. Bliss, Mrs. Milton W. Weymouth and Mrs. William W. Rawlinson.

In May Miss Florence Dolby consented to become president once again.

During its long life the Union has had years of struggle and years of ease but it has always managed to sponsor many worthy projects for the benefit of old and particularly for young.

In 1894 a Girls' club was started and classes were held in millinery, home economics and dressmaking. Fifty-four persons attended. In this same year the Union gave money to the free reading room in the York Institute.

During these early years the club introduced the free kindergarten, manual training, domestic science and physical training in the public schools. Gradually as the city fathers realized the good derived from these classes, the city adopted them one by one into the regular curriculum and lifted the cost of maintenance from the shoulders of the Union.

In later years, members always on the watch for anything which could be done for Saco's children, started the public playground with trained supervisors. This in turn was held each summer until various churches and organizations started playgrounds which made another almost superfluous. In later years a skating rink was started in Hartley field, but, because of soil conditions, this did not prove highly satisfactory.

A scholarship of \$150 is given each year to a graduate of Thornton Academy for furtherance of education.

The programs of the club are interesting and varied, thus appealing to all. During the early years the afternoon's program consisted of papers upon current topics written by different club members. At present practically all are paid programs with the exception of a club talent day which always appeals to the members.

While the first dues of the organization were 50 cents per year they are now set at \$3.

The question may come to mind as to how the Union can do its work with such low dues—particularly after a tax is paid. Many money-making schemes have been devised but first and foremost bequests from devoted members have been realized. Sarah Bradbury, Annie Johnson, Hannah Lucas, Clara Wood, Florence Mason and very lately, Almira Locke McArthur, have been among the donors.

Officers of Smith, and Mrs. Helen M. Smith, district; Mrs. Elizabeth Bertha B.

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BIDDEFORD, MAINE, MONDAY EVENING, JANUARY 23, 1950

Adah Chapter Staff And Installing Suite



Officers of Adah chapter, O. E. S., and those who installed them. Back row, usual order: Mrs. Ruth Chellis, Martha; Mrs.

are, first row, left to right: Mrs. Arlene Johnson, warder; Gordon Naylor, past grand patron; Arthur B. Wheeler, worthy patron; and matron; Mrs. Bertha G. Goodwin; grand marshal; Mrs. Frances

The attractive parlor has beautiful pieces donated by families of deceased members and an antique chest was also bequeathed by the late Fannie Milliken Wakefield.

Some years ago a past state president told a member of the club that the club house was one of the finest that houses any women's club in Maine.

Nevertheless, the energetic women of the present are looking for new fields to conquer. They have started a building fund and plan to make extensive renovations in keeping with the modern day as soon as the fund grows sufficiently large.

MAY 22, 1950

BUY COTTAGE SITE

Oscar E. Verrier and Lena J. Verrier, this city, have purchased through the local real estate office of King Woodman, lots 1 and 2, formerly owned by Arthur W. Andrews, on the shore front at Hills Beach. The Verriers have purchased for a cottage site.

JUNE 5, 1950

Rites Tuesday For Ralph H. Burbank

Ralph H. Burbank, 74, retired, for many years in his younger life employed as head bookkeeper at the local offices of the Diamond Match company, died at his home on the Ferry road, Saco, Saturday.

Mr. Burbank was a native of Alfred, the son of the late Horace H. and Elizabeth (Thompson) Burbank. His family moved to Saco when he was quite young and he obtained a part of his education in the schools of that city. His late father served as a judge of the Saco municipal court for several terms. The Horace H. Burbank camp, Sons of Veterans of Saco, was named in his memory owing to his being one of those interested in formation of the organization.

For a long time Mr. Burbank was interested in various

branches of the Masons and held many offices in units affiliated with order. He was a member of Arundel lodge of Masons, a past patron of Adah chapter, O. E. S., a life member of the Blue lodge, F. & A. M., Bradford Commandery, Knights Templar, and the Grand Lodge of Maine, F. & A. M., and Grand Council of Maine; a member of York chapter, Maine Council Royal and Select Masters, Kora Temple Shrine, other Masonic bodies and the former York County Wheelmen's association. He was an attendant of the Second Parish Unitarian church.

His late wife, the former Hattie Milliken, died several years ago. He was the last member of his family. His only surviving relatives are several cousins.

Funeral services will be held at the Shumway funeral home, 35 Spring street, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

JULY 6, 1950

Allie W. Harmon, World War I Vet, Dies In Hospital

Allie W. Harmon, 53, a resident of Saco for many years and a veteran of World War I, died early this morning at the Veterans Facility hospital, Togus, where he had been receiving treatment.

He was born in this city, the son of Allie W. and Florence Harmon. He was a member of the Owen-Davis post, American Legion and attended the Baptist church, Saco.

Survivors are his mother, Mrs. Florence Harmon Marr; his step-father, Frank Marr; one son, Andy J. Harmon and one daughter, Laura.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 10 at the Bennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco.

JULY 5, 1950

Eastern Star Chapter Formed Here In 1888

(Editor's Note: This is one of a series of stories tracing the history of women's organizations of Biddeford and Saco. In order that the list made be as complete as possible, officers of all women's groups are invited to submit material concerning their units.)

The woman responsible for the formation of Adah chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Annette H. Hooper, may well be called the pioneer Eastern Star member in the state, for it was largely through her efforts that the Grand Chapter of Maine was formed in 1892.

Mrs. Hooper was the predominant force behind the formation of the local chapter April 6, 1888. Records show that Mrs. Hooper was elected the first secretary of the chapter and served in that post seven years. In 1896 she was elected worthy matron and served three years in the East.

After she had helped found the Grand Chapter she served as grand secretary and fraternal correspondent from 1892 to 1922.

Her life was closely interwoven with the history of the Eastern Star in Maine.

Early in 1888 a group consisting of Mrs. Hooper, Mary Sawyer, Ella Jellerson, Sarah Jellerson, Jennie Jellerson and Daniel Jellerson met in Masonic hall in the old City building and formulated an Order of the Eastern Star. On April 6 of that year Adah chapter was chartered.

April 20 of that year Deputy Worthy Grand Patron E. M. Forbes of Winchester, Mass., assisted by Mrs. O. A. Deering of San Francisco, Calif., instituted Adah Lodge No. 1 (as it was then called.)

The officers installed at that time were worthy matron, Mary H. Sawyer; worthy patron, Dr. Solon Abbott; associate matron, Sarah A. Weymouth; conductress, Mrs. F. A. Burnham; associate conductress, Amelia V. Anthoine; secretary, Annette H. Hooper; treasurer, Sarah E. Jellerson; chaplain, Gorham N. Weymouth; warder, Isabelle W. Haley; sentinel, William A. Hooper; organist, Ella E. Jellerson; Adah H. Fannie Roberts; Ruth, Henrietta A. Libby; Esther, Evvah B. Abbott; Martha, Annabel F. Yates; Electa, Mrs. N. H. Pillsbury.

There were thirty chapter members and in 1890 the chapter had grown to 64 members. The charter members were Evvah B. Abbott, Solon Abbott, Amelia A. Anthoine, William H. Anthoine, Martha Burnham, F. A. Burnham, Marie Drown, Nahum B. Drown, Julia E. Forbes, Annette H. Hooper, William A. Hooper, Isabel W. Haley, Thomas Haley, Ella C. Jellerson, Sarah E. Jellerson, Ansel L. Jellerson, Abel H. Jellerson, Jennie B. Jellerson, Daniel L. Jellerson, Henrietta A. Libby, Marie L. Muttart, Jesse W. Muttart, Louisa M. Pillsbury, Nahum H. Pillsbury, Fannie Roberts, Mary H. Sawyer, Sarah A. Weymouth, Gorham N. Wey-

mouth, Anabel F. Yates and Annabel F. Yates.

The first members to be initiated after the chapter was instituted were Mrs. Martha A.

Ayer, Mrs. Sarah E. Cousens, Mrs. Minnie A. Etchells, Mrs. Millie J. Parker, Miss Millie A. Etchells, Mrs. Annie R. Haines, Mrs. Lizzie Moore, Mrs. Jane Murphy, Frank H. Cousens, Theodore M. Haines.

The first public installation of officers was held Feb. 8, 1889, officers being installed by E. M. Forbes of New Hampshire assisted by Grand Marshal Ella E. Jellerson of this city. The chapter continued to progress until now the membership is about 417.

On Dec. 31, 1894, the City hall was burned and many, if not all, the records were lost. On Jan. 16, 1895, members met at the Hotel Thacher to decide upon a meeting place. Laconia Lodge, I. O. O. F., offered the use of their hall and this offer was accepted. At a December meeting, in 1896, a committee of three was appointed to arrange for the use of the new Masonic hall. Mary Newcomb, Marcia Ingorsol, Caroline Shute and Martha G. Stone were the first to be initiated in the new hall. In May, 1900, the chapter was clear of debt with money in the treasury.

Sept. 17, 1920, Union chapter of Lyman was organized in Adah chapter by Past Grand Patron Henry Gray, assisted by Grand Matron Emma R. Howe and Grand Secretary Annette H. Hooper.

Mrs. Hooper became grand secretary in 1892 and served 30 years.

Others serving the Grand chapter were Amelia N. Anthone as associate grand conductress in 1892-93, and was grand chaplain in 1893-94.

Emma R. Bradbury and Nellie J. Palmer served on the Finance committee many years. Eva Harper was district deputy grand matron in 1926-27-28. Carrie B. Dolloff served as district deputy grand matron in 1931-32.

Marion C. Fenderson served as district deputy grand matron and also as Grand Ruth. Marion F. Dexheimer served as grand chaplain in 1948-49.

The largest number of candidates to be initiated in any one year was 41 in 1928. Solon Abbott, who was worthy patron in 1888-1889, is still living and is an honorary member.

Members who have served the chapter as worthy matrons include Mary H. Sawyer, 1888-89; Evvah B. Abbott, '90; Sarah Weymouth, '91-'92; Harriet G. Hill, '93-'94; Henrietta H. Libby, '95; Annette H. Hooper, '96-'97; Susan F. Youland, '99; Elizabeth N. Gould, 1900; Annie B. Cole, '01; Addie E. Weymouth, '02; Nellie J. Palmer, '03; Ella W. Maybury, '04; Elizabeth H. Burnie, '05-'06; Emma R. Bradbury, '07-'08; Edith M. Parker, '09; Ora M. Hamilton, '10; Alice M. Haskell, '11; Cora B. Chapman, '12-'13; Anna B. Wormwood, '14-'15; Elizabeth B. Wetherell, '16; Lil-

lian F. Gilpatrick, '17; Martha F. Stone, '18; Susie W. Jordan, '19; Cynthia R. Gilpatrick, '20; Annabel E. Thompson, '21; Ethel G. Hill, '22; Isabelle B. Hieserick, '23; Carrie R. Dolloff, '24; Eva A. Harper, '25; Gladys Murphy, '26; Miriam Hartley, '27; Sybil B. Cobb, '28; Rhoda W. Hillman, '29; Carola F. Googins, '30; Gertrude F. Tate, '31; Bertha C. Goodwin, '32; Hazel C. Beety, '33; Evelyn D. Thompson, '34; Ruth J. Haley, '35; Marion C. Fenderson, '36; Edna R. Woodman, '37; Eliza H. Legalle, '38; Alice P. Snow, '39; Gladys V. Goodwin, '40; Madeline W. Milliken, '41; Marion W. Robbins, '42; Gertrude G. Davis, '43; Agnes P. Lachance, '44; Irene F. Ellington, '45; Marion F. Dexheimer, '46; Edna L. Stackpole, '47; Bertha Butler, '48; Julia V. Crowley, '49.

Among past patrons are Jessie W. Muttart, '91-'92; William H. Anthoine, '93-'94; Gorham N. Weymouth, '95; Melville Woodman, '96-'97; John B. Lowell, '98; Nahum B. Drown, '99-'01-'03; Ralph Burbank, '02; Frank E. Parker, '04-'13 (inc.); Edward C. Stone, '14-'18 (inc.); John H. Hieserick, '19; Charles F. Gilpatrick, '20; Edward C. Thompson, '21-'24 (inc.); George Wilson, '25-'26; Joseph L. Staples, '30; Thomas H. Hooper, '31-'33; Charles F. Leach, '32; Herbert W. Thompson, '34; Joseph A. Haley, '35; Ralph R. Dickerson, '36; Lloyd G. Woodman, '37; Ralph C. Robbins, Jr., '32-'42; James G. Cross-

ley, '39-'46; Weston A. Goldthwaite, '40; A. Linwood Milliken, '41; Fred L. Emmons, '43; Lewis Lachance, '44; Eulah Ellington, '45; A. Wendell Stackpole, '47; George Butler, '48; Llewellyn B. Crowley, '49.

Of the charter members, Dr. Solon Abbott is the only one living.

Present officers of the association are Helen D. Parks, worthy matron; Arthur B. Wheeler, worthy patron; Frances B. Smith, associate matron; Gordon Smith, associate patron; Marion F. Dexheimer, secretary; Bertha Butler, treasurer; Elizabeth M. Calderwood, conductress; Jessie Anderson, associate conductress; Ruth E. Bailey, chaplain; Hazel Eastwood, marshal; Constance H. Mehrhoff, organist; Helen W. LeGalle, Adah; Elizabeth V. Tate, Ruth; Lois B. Burnham, Esther; Ruth H. Chellis, Martha; Eleanor B. Cheney, Electa; Arline O. Johnson, warder; Harry W. Gowen, sentinel; James Crossley, Carrie Dolloff, Dorothy Atkinson, finance committee.

JUNE 26, 1950

CHARLES F. LEAVITT

Funeral services for Charles F. Leavitt, Old Orchard road, Saco, for many years employed as a motorman, conductor and in other capacities by the former Biddeford and Saco Street Railway company, were held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Included in the gathering were many former fellow workers of Mr. Leavitt during his trolley car employment career and during a later period while he was employed as a watchman at the Saco-Lowell shops.

Rev. Stanley A. Gould, minister of First Parish Congregational church, Saco, officiated at the rites.

Burial was in the family lot at Laurel Hill cemetery.

JUNE 29, 1950

Wed In Saco



Photo by Jim Perkins

Mrs. Dean S. Martin (the former Marjorie Dennett) who was married in the First Parish Congregational church, Saco, Saturday.

JUNE 15, 1950

Almira McArthur Will Allowed In Probate Court

Among the many inventories filed in the York county, Probate court at Alfred Wednesday and allowed by Judge Joseph E. Harvey, was that in the estate of the late Almira L. McArthur of Saco. The property was appraised by Roger P. Moore of Biddeford at \$122,431.26, of which only \$20,000 is in real estate—the homestead at 90 Middle street, Saco. Atty. Thomas B. Walker, Biddeford, is executor of the will.

Under authority of paragraph nine of the will, the inventory states, a collection of fans, snuff boxes including one marked "D. Cleaves," card cases, bead work, glass, powder and china, goes to the York Institute, Saco. One of the most interesting items is the Sir William Pepperell funeral ring. The collection also contains family portraits and the Cleaves and Locke coat of arms, the whole valued at \$1,190.

Other articles chosen from the furnishings of the McArthur home as suitable for the purpose of the institute are an antique half-round chair that belonged to the Rev. Mr. Fairfield, second minister of Pepperellborough, now Saco and Biddeford, and an E. Willard grandfather's clock. Besides these are many pieces of antique furniture, some Kirmans rugs, mirrors, pictures and a collection of pamphlets, programs, newspapers and almanacs.

MARCH 14, 1950

Over \$67,000 In Public Bequests In McArthur Will

Several Institutions To Benefit By Large Gifts

Under the provisions of the will of Mrs. Almira L. McArthur, late of Saco, which has been presented to Probate court, several local charitable institutions will receive substantial bequests.

The Wardwell Home for Old Ladies of Saco and Biddeford receives a bequest of \$20,000, the income from which is to be applied to the work of the home and to be known as the "John S. Locke Fund" after the father of the testator who was for many years superintendent of the public schools of Saco.

A sum of \$15,000 is given to the Webber hospital with the provision that the income shall be used to provide a free bed and the surplus to be used in furnishing additional hospital treatment for the poor.

Thornton Benefits

Thornton academy receives \$10,000, the income of which is to provide scholarships to be known as the "John S. Locke Scholarships." These scholarships are to be available to graduates of Thornton academy entering college or an institution of higher learning. Mrs. McArthur also leaves to Thornton academy her home located on Middle street, Saco, together with \$7,000, the income of which is to be used for the up-keep of the home. The will provides that Mrs. McArthur's home shall be known as "Locke Hall" and shall be used as a residence for teachers or students of Thornton academy.

At the time that Mrs. McArthur's will was drawn in 1931, Thornton Hall, Thornton academy ton Hall, Main street, Saco, and Mrs. McArthur's home adjoined the Thornton Hall premises. It was her intention that the two should be used in connection with each. Since that time, however, Thornton academy has sold Thornton Hall. Thornton academy also receives one-half of the residue of Mrs. McArthur's estate after payment of all bequests.

The other half of this residue goes to the E. & I. Union of Saco together with \$10,000, the income of which is to be used for child welfare, including public playgrounds.

Other Bequests

Other educational and charitable associations receiving bequests under the McArthur will are the York Institute of Saco, which receives a collection of glass, china and bric-a-brac and first choice of antique furniture and other articles which are appropriate to its collection. This

collection to be known as the "John S. Locke Collection" and Mrs. McArthur also provides \$1000 for the York Institute, the income to be used in caring for the collection and adding to it.

Bowdoin college receives \$2000, the income of which is to be known as the "George W. McArthur Prize." This gift is made in memory of the testator's husband, the late George W. McArthur, this city.

Bradford academy, now Bradford Junior college, Bradford, Mass., receives \$2000, the income of which is to be known as the "Almira Locke McArthur Prize."

The City of Saco receives \$250, the income from which, known as the "John S. Locke Prize" is to be given to the graduate of Locke Grammar school showing the greatest improvement during his last year at the school.

In addition to the above, Mrs. McArthur leaves gifts of jewelry and personal belongings to many friends.

Atty. Thomas B. Walker, this city, is named as executor.

MARCH 27, 1950

Fortunes Rocks Chiropractor Dies At 68 Years

Dr. John H. Hieserick, 68, one of Saco's best known chiropractors, who has practiced in the two cities for 35 years, died at his Fortunes Rocks home Sunday following a lengthy illness.

He was a native of Somerset, Mass., the son of John H. and Carolyn (Melchior) Hieserick. He attended the Taunton, Mass., schools. He learned the book-binding trade and later engaged in such business for himself. Prior to studying to be a chiropractor, he attended the Eric Pate school of designing in Boston specializing in custom jewelry.

He was a graduate of Palmer college, Davenport, Iowa. After graduating from there in 1915, he came to this city and shortly afterwards opened offices for practice of his profession. He is believed to have been the first chiropractor to open offices to such time in this section of York County. For several years he

MARCH 4, 1950

Elmira McArthur Is Dead In Saco

Mrs. Elmira Locke McArthur, widow of George W. McArthur, a lifelong resident of the two cities and prominent in literary, social and Red Cross circles for many years during her younger life, died in her sleep at her home, 90 Middle street, Saco, Thursday evening. News of her death did not become known until Friday morning when she failed to make her appearance about the house at the usual time.

She was a native of Saco, the daughter of John and Marcia (Cleaves) Locke. She was educated in the schools of Saco and Bradford Academy, Bradford, Mass. She was a member of one of Saco's oldest families. She travelled extensively both in this country and abroad during her younger life. During World War I she was an active leader of Red Cross work in Saco and continued in the same capacity for a long time after the end of the conflict.

Mrs. McArthur was a member of the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union, Saco, the Thursday club and the First Universalist church of this city.

Strictly private funeral services will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. A request for services of this type was expressed in a written note by Mrs. McArthur to her legal adviser in this city some time ago. Flowers will be omitted.

FEBRUARY 9, 1950

Agnes Wentworth, Saco Antique Dealer, Dies After Illness

Mrs. Agnes H. Wentworth, 16 Union street, Saco, widely known in southwestern Maine antique dealers circles, and practically a lifelong Saco resident, died at a local hospital Wednesday afternoon after an extended illness.

A native of Lawrence, Mass., the daughter of Calixte and Elmire Henri, she came to Saco when young and had continued to live in that city. During her younger life she served as a saleslady in places of business here. During the past 25 years she had operated an antique shop in Saco. She was known as an expert on such articles.

Mrs. Wentworth was a member of the Maine Antique Dealers Association and a member of the former Union Musicale and soloist of that organization under the leadership of Pierre Palchaud. She was a communicant of Notre Dame de Lourdes church where funeral services will be held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Bernard Quint, R. N., Saco, the former May Elita Wentworth.

The body is at the Cote funeral home, 119 Lincoln street, Saco, where friends may call prior to the hour of the funeral.

APRIL 11, 1950

Sumner Fenderson Dies At Age Of 80

Sumner L. Fenderson, 80, of 67 High street, Saco, a lifetime resident of that city, who during his younger career was employed by the Biddeford and Saco Street Railway company when electric cars were first operated by the concern between the two cities and Old Orchard Beach, died at his home early this morning.

He was the son of the late Orin and Eliza (Patrick) Fenderson. He learned the machinist's trade and for a long time was employed by the Biddeford and Saco Street Railway company as a motorman, and previous to leaving the concern's employ was foreman of its electric cars repair division.

During the past 30 years, prior to retiring last September he was employed as a mechanic in the power plant division of the Saco-Lowell shops.

He was interested in baseball and other types of out-door sports, and athletic events and was one of Thornton academy's strongest supporters for many years in his early life.

He was not affiliated with any organizations.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Minnie M. Fenderson, he leaves a daughter, Marion C. Fenderson, a nephew, a niece and several cousins.

The body is at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, where friends may call after noon Wednesday until services are held there Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Maybe You'll Remember These Heroes



Football fans got so excited over the picture of an old-time Biddeford high team; here's another memory tester from the days when Dewey was calling signals at Manila. This was in the days when there were no hair cuts from Fourth of July to

Thanksgiving, let the hair grow where it would. It may be the light, but one of those boys seems to be hiding behind a man-sized mustache. Get those shinguards occupying a prominent spot in the picture. Now, can you name them right off?

JUNE 13, 1950

H. R. Whitehead Dies Suddenly At Biddeford Pool

Former Agent Of Pepperell Mills

Howard R. Whitehead, 88, retired textile mill executive, widely known in textile circles in this country and abroad, a former agent of the Pepperell mills, this city, died suddenly at his home at Biddeford Pool this forenoon. While he had not been in the best of health for some time, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Whitehead was a native of Saco, the son of Jabez and Maria (Knight) Whitehead. He was educated in the Saco schools and Thornton academy. While at the latter school he was one of the academy's outstanding athletes and was a member of some of the crack gridiron teams representing

that school. He learned the textile business when a young man and later served as agent and in other executive positions of southern and western cotton and other type of fabrics plants in different parts of the country.

After retiring as agent of the Pepperell mills in 1935 he accepted a government appointment to Europe to serve in a high ranking capacity in the interest of textile affairs in which the Washington officials and various textile concerns of the nation were interested. After a few years abroad, until his assignment was completed, he returned to his home at Biddeford Pool, where he has remained in retirement since that period.

He took a deep interest in every day current events of the two cities where he made his home practically all his life. He was a lover of all branches of sports. He was also interested in all youth movements of the two cities, often taking an active interest in rendering assistance to raising funds for welfare and charitable work of various organizations.

He was a member of the board of trustees of Thornton Academy and the School street Methodist church of Saco.

Besides his widow, Marion D. Whitehead, he leaves his son, Philip, of Melrose, Mass.; a

daughter, Mrs. Marjorie Shepherd, Glencoe, Ill.; two brothers, former Mayor Frank L. Whitehead of Saco and James H. Whitehead, this city, former manager of the State Liquor Commission's store here; a sister, Mrs. Emma Wentworth, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at his home at Biddeford Pool Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MARCH 3, 1950

Rites Sunday For Miss Lillie Staples

Miss Lillie A. Staples, 86, died this morning at a local rest home. She was a life long resident of this city.

She was the daughter of Edward W. and Clara (Frisbee) Staples. She attended public schools and graduated from Biddeford high school, and Bradford Junior College, Bradford, Mass. She spent her summers in Waterville. She was a member of the Second Congregational church.

Survivors are eight nieces and nephews and several cousins.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 from her home on 39 Center street.

MAY 11, 1950

Mrs. T. H. Johnson, Native Of Saco, Dies

Mrs. Althea C. Johnson, widow of Thomas H. Johnson, Saco, and sister of Adney Fenderson of that city, a resident of Portland for 15 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. T. F. Bye, 468 Forest avenue, Portland, Wednesday.

She was born in Saco, the daughter of the late Alexander and Mary (Wakefield) Fenderson. She resided in Bangor for many years after leaving Saco prior to going to Portland to make her home. She was a member of the Congregational church, Bangor.

Besides her daughter and brother, she leaves four grandchildren, Mrs. Eleanor E. Smith, Portland, Mrs. Christina Eaton, Detroit, Mich., Richard E. and Karl T. Bye, New York, and a great-grandson, Erik Smith, of Portland.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 William street, Portland. Interment will be in the family lot at Hope cemetery in Bangor Saturday.

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May 21, 1950

Martin-Dennett Troth Announced



Miss Marjorie Dennett

Saco, May 20.—The engagement of Miss Marjorie Dennett, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Carl G. Dennett, North Street, to Dean Spaulding Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Martin of Old Orchard Beach and Connecticut, was announced tonight by her parents at a family dinner party.

Miss Dennett, now a resident at Marine Terrace, Long Island City, N. Y., is a graduate of Thornton Academy, LaSalle Junior College and Syracuse University, and is employed by the American Photography Company, New York City.

Mr. Martin, a resident of Palisades Park, N. J., is a graduate of Thornton Academy, and served three years with the army air corps. He is now attending Packard Business College.

The wedding is planned for June 24 in this city, and the couple will reside in New Jersey.

AUGUST 7, 1950

Boston Dentist To Be Buried In Saco

Dr. Philip A. Leavitt, 69, a Boston dentist, will be buried in Laurel Hill cemetery, Saco, Tuesday afternoon at 3. He died Aug. 3 at his home, 118 Golden street, Belmont, Mass.

Dr. Leavitt, a native of Saco, graduated from Thornton Academy in 1899 and the Harvard Dental School in 1905. He was a member of the American Academy of Dental Science; American Association of Orthodontists; Harvard Orthodontical Society; Saco Lodge, F. and A. M.; Aleppo Temple, and the Winchester Country club.

Surviving are his widow, Grace Nett Leavitt; a daughter, Millicent White, Wellesley; a brother, Henry F. Leavitt, New Haven, Conn.; three nephews, Laurence L. Graves, Saco, Richard Leavitt, Portland, and Preston Leavitt, Hartford, Conn.

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ONCE UPON A TIME...

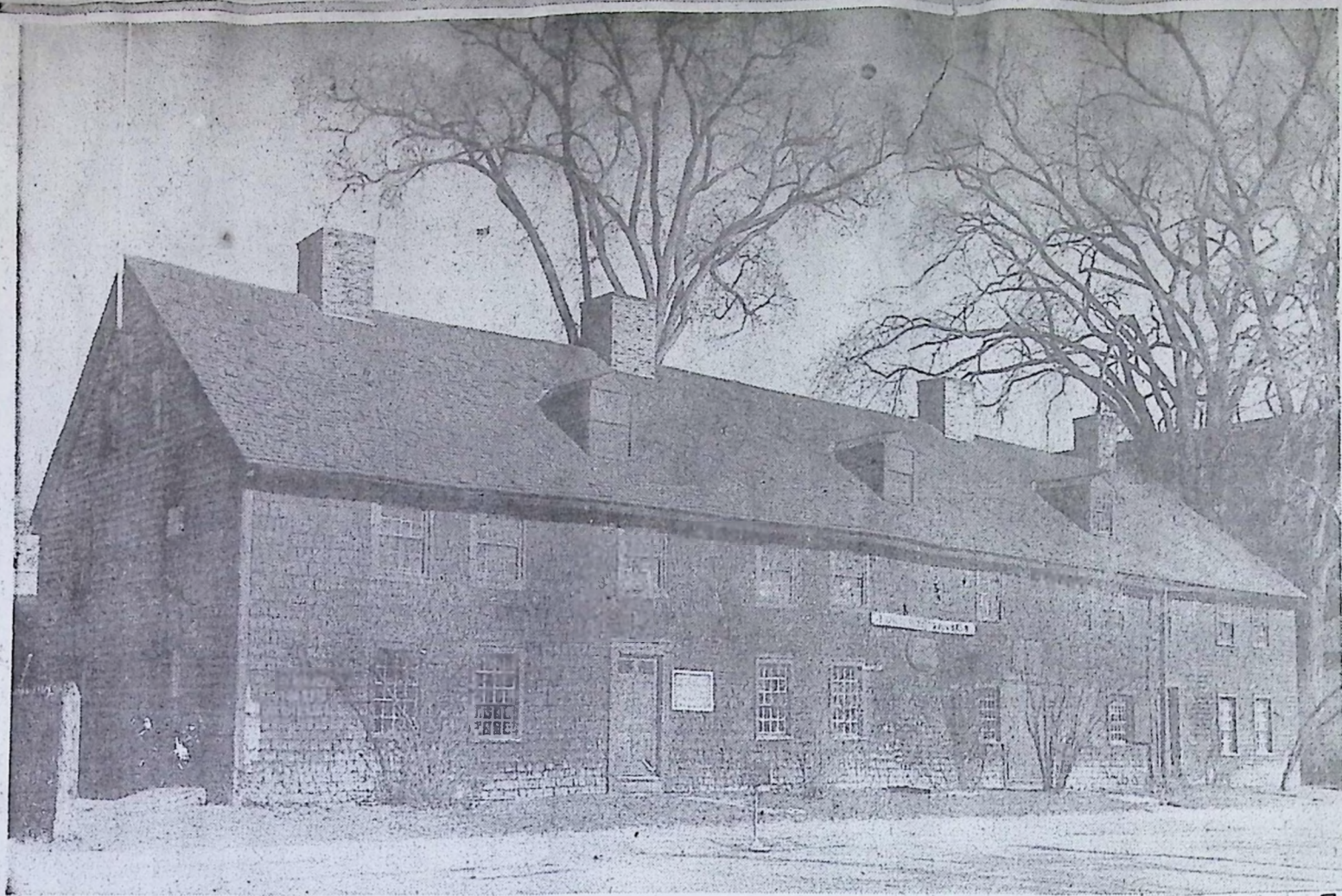


OLD PORTLAND CITY HALL—Built in 1868 after Portland's great fire destroyed its predecessor, this was Portland's city hall, court house and police headquarters combined until it burned down in 1908. Said a 1904 guidebook: "This handsome and imposing structure xxx is constructed of light-colored Nova Scotia Albert Stone reinforced with pressed brick, and cost \$650,000. In it are also located the county and municipal courts and a finely equipped central police station having electric communication with every part of the city. On the second floor, reached by a broad staircase of iron, is the City Hall, a noble apartment 113 feet long, 80 feet wide, and 53 feet high. It is handsomely finished, has a gallery upon three sides, and will hold 3,000 people at a time." It stood where the present city building stands.

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Ray Labbe Photo
SACO PTA INSTALLS—Officers of the Saco PTA were installed at a meeting Tuesday night at the Thornton Academy auditorium by district vice president Mrs. Robert Johnson, Biddeford. Left, to right are, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Harold Hanson, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Strombom, president; Mrs. Hilary Mahaney, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Cecile Boutet, vice president, and Mrs. Daniel Donavan, secretary.



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Maine Publicity Bureau Photo by William A. Hatch
This is one of the garrison buildings of the three forts built on the banks of the Kennebec River in the year 1754. Located in the county seat of Kennebec County, 45 miles inland, it was the gathering point of Benedict Arnold and his men for the historic march on Quebec in 1775. The garrison house is furnished with a collection of relics and Colonial antiques and is open to the public daily. Reproductions of two original block-houses and palisades facing this building were built by

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the late William Howard Gannett, a descendant of the fort's first commander. The fort occupies the site of the old Plymouth Trading Post, established a few years after the landing of the Pilgrims and is probably as replete in historical associations as any place along the Kennebec River. What is the fort and where is it located?

ANSWER: Fort Western in
-Augusta.

Biddeford High Class Of '99 Has Reunion



The Class of 1899 of Biddeford High school held its 50th reunion at the Cascade Lodge, Saturday night and members attending included, first row, left to right: Joseph Curtis, Miss Jessie Lunt, Mrs. Blanche F. Kimball, Miss Florence Crowley, Miss Grace Goodwin and Edward T. Hyde. Second row, same order: Dr. Grace Wheaton, Miss Rowena Brackett, Dr. Edgar F. Gilpatrick, Mrs. Minnie E. Pierce. Back row, same order: F. E. Towne and W. C. Towne.

Biddeford High School Class Of 1899 Celebrates Reunion

Members of the class of 1899 of Biddeford High school celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation by having dinner together Saturday at the Cascade Lodge.

President Edward J. Hyde presided, calling on all class members for after dinner speeches. Each one responded, sharing reminiscences of school days and latter days.

Miss Grace Goodwin read letters from Mrs. L. Arthur Wallon, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. W. B. Brown, Livermore Falls; Mrs. William E. Shaw, this city.

A letter from Mrs. Chester Tubury of Newton Highlands, Mass., was read by Miss Jessie Lunt.

Class photographs taken in 1899 were passed around and the comparisons of then and now were interesting.

Preceding dinner, the blessing was given by Miss Rowena W. Brackett.

Class colors, green and white, were used as decorations. A centerpiece of white gladioli with ferns was sent by Mrs. Shaw. A bouquet of carnations was received by Mrs. Shaw from the class at the hour of the reunion.

Place cards with the class motto thereon "Graviara Manent" were at each place.

Those present joined President Hyde in expressing thanks and appreciation to Miss Goodwin for her efforts in contacting all members of the class and in arranging for the reunion. Snapshots of the event were taken by Dr. Gilpatrick.

Original class of 1899: Bessie Belle Anthoine (Mrs. Chester Judbury, Newton Highlands, Mass.); Ada Louise Boynton (Mrs. Roy E. Wood, Berkeley, Calif.); Rowena W. Brackett, Biddeford; Ethel M. Burnie (deceased); Mildred I. Cousens (Mrs. William E. Shaw, Biddeford); Florence Crowley, Biddeford; Joseph F. Curtis, Biddeford; William J. Dean, (deceased); Minnie E. Drown (Mrs. Albert Pierce), Saco; Grace C. Emery (Dr. Grace E. Wheaton), Biddeford; Alfreda E. Emerson (Mrs. W. B. Clark), Providence, R. I.; Mabelle C. Ford, Ocean Park; Edgar F. Gilpatrick, Medford, Mass.; Harry Goodier (deceased); Beile C. Goodwin (deceased); Grace M. Goodwin, Biddeford; Mary S. Gove (Mrs. L. Arthur Wallon), Seattle, Wash.; Grace I. Hayford (Mrs. W. B. Brown), Livermore Falls; Blanche Huff (Mrs. Frank L. Kimball),

Biddeford; Edward T. Hyde, Saco. Frances Mary Murphy, Biddeford; Annie T. Maguire (Mrs. George Traynor) deceased; Mary L. Sawyer (deceased); Frank E. Towne, Boston, Mass.; Winfield C. Towne, Biddeford; Gertrude Watson (deceased); Mark Wakefield, Presque Isle, Me.; Jessie W. Lunt, Biddeford.

Attending the reunion were: President and Mrs. Edward T. Hyde, Miss Grace M. Goodwin, Miss Rowena W. Brackett, Miss Florence Crowley, Joseph F. Curtis, Mrs. Minnie Drown Pierce; Dr. Fred and Dr. Grace Wheaton, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Gilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Kimball, Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Towne, Miss Jessie W. Lunt, Winfield Towne.

AUGUST 24, 1950

Funeral Saturday For Robert Webber

Funeral services for Robert L. Webber, 70, who was found dead at his home, Wishing Well Lodge, on the Ferry road, Saco, early Wednesday afternoon, will be held at the Dennett and Craig funeral home, 365 Main street, Saco, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Friends may call at the funeral home from 7 to 9 o'clock Friday evening.

It is the belief of County Attorney Charles W. Smith, City Marshal J. Emile Corneau and other officers conducting an investigation in the case concerning how death was caused that

the gunshot wound found in the left side of Webber's chest below the heart was caused through the discharge of a new shot-gun found in the room where Mr. Webber lay on the floor, apparently a suicide victim. Five other .12 gauge shells similar to the one exploded in the weapon was also found in a small paper bag in Mr. Webber's room.

After Dr. William T. Roussin of this city, York county medical examiner, summoned to the Webber home to conduct an investigation by City Marshal J. Emile Corneau upon being notified of the discovery of Webber's lifeless body on the floor of his bedroom by Mrs. Grace Howard of Bay View when she called at the house early Wednesday afternoon, was not certain the wound was self-inflicted. Marshal Corneau communicated with County Attorney Charles W. Smith, who advised that the services of State Trooper Leon Shepherd of Richmond, fingerprint expert of the state police, be procured to take prints off the gun and other articles in the room.

A phone call relayed to Sheriff Everett Knight at Alfred resulted in the arrival of Trooper Shepherd, presently at work on the Joy case in Sanford, with Sheriff Knight at the Wishing Well Lodge. After officials had thoroughly investigated the case without any clues of foul play being found, the body was ordered turned over shortly after 4:30 p. m. to the Dennett and Craig undertaking concern.

Later in the afternoon, after reading an account of Mr. Webber's sudden death, the manager of a Biddeford hardware store called City Marshal Corneau and informed him that Mr. Webber,

while making a call at the Main street place of business Wednesday forenoon, had purchased a new shot-gun and six .12-gauge shells. It was also learned during the day that Mr. Webber had attempted to secure the loan of a shot-gun from one of his neighbors early Wednesday morning. Suspecting something might be wrong owing to Mr. Webber complaining frequently of late to friends he did not feel very well, the owner of the gun denied the request with an excuse that he did not have any shells in his possession which he might let Mr. Webber have.

A native of New York, he was the son of Rev. Louis and Mary Woolworth Webber. When a young man he entered the employ of the F. W. Woolworth Co. Later for several years he served as manager of the concern's store on Main street before retiring several years ago to engage in a tourist camping enterprise at Bay View. He was a member of Concord, N. H., Lodge of Masons, Annette Chapter, No. 184, Order of the Eastern Star, and Second Parish Unitarian church, Saco.

He leaves no near relatives.